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Stateless, landless and derelict: the forlorn lost tribe of Kosovo

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N BLACE, ON THE ORDER OF KOSOVO AND MACEDONIA

'APPENED in a forest, more 5,000 feet above sea level where snow lay thick on the ound. It is just one small Fig. But it contains the very sence of Kosovo's growing . edy. It was the night the ba-

eard the story vesterday, st-hand, from five people who .: there - two journalists, and e Kosovan refugees who une the undertakers of the

Late on Monday, a large p of Kosovo Albanians ared by chance like the utaries of a swollen human er as they fled from a dozen erent hamlets and villages : had been razed by tank fire. tars and grenades - finally e it over the top of mountain into Macedonia, But they several miles away from border checkpoint where had been instructed to go, 3 large group of Macedon-

; temperatures fell below ing, the group's leaders ed the solders to let them and to the road, several ad feet below, where it mer. They pleaded that · rere there about 100 old

: the group, many of , their eighties and there were also about s in arms, several nursrrs, and at least two swho were already in hey were ordered at n remain on the mounleas for a doctor or a rere ignored.

g the night, two of the s died and both pregnant lelivered stillhorn babies. darimess, a strange cerbook place. lit by the camp fires, as the tiny ere wrapped in blankets ed in shallow graves. A smarked - presumably sort of

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Albanian refugees without passports being processed at the border by the Macedonian anthorities after crossing the border from Kosovo yesterday

Bosnian campaign, should sud- daybreak, you began to see the themselves - refused to let worse - on the unique Serbian 1 go down to the valley scale of criminal lunacy - for

> It was still dark when we arrived and all over the hillside we could the glow of small fires. But the border installation, a tinroofed arcade over the main Macedonia-Kosovo highway, was silent.

Inside dour-faced, twitchy Macedonian police and army officers drank mugs of tea and waited for the next wave in the human avalanche that has been rolling off the Black Mountain and through the dozens of pass-

denly burst into tears. After all, scale of it all. Tiny ant-like figsoldiers - frightened and we had been listening to far ures, stretching back for miles, came down off the mountain, following the twisting narrow track There were no vehicles of any kind. Tractors, cars, bicycles and anything else that was mobile had been taken from them by the hundreds of Serb official and irregular troops - as well as thousands of dollars- worth of currency and every scrap of official paper they had on their

> At a stroke they had been turned into invisible human beings, stateless, landless and

businessmen; they trade, they raise sheep, they buy and sell property. Now they really were all equal. But they were alive.

The border-post buildings on a flat piece of scrubland by the river. And there, in the freezing mists, they were forced to wait in groups of several hundred to be processed by that great symbol of officialdom - two bored men in uniform, with piles of forms, huge metal

stamps and a large plastic table. The images are too vast to be recalled in total. I saw men and derelict. Many of them had not women in their ninth decade,

photographer, a veteran of the es for the past seven days. At been poor-Albanians are good one of them being wheeled in a chance of transport. For some

with this flood. A special "in-spection site" had been set up cold, being fed cold, muddy water from the brackish river One woman, speechless with exhaustion, pulled back a handkerchief from her baby's face and I could see that it was blue, with the lips and eyes rimmed in white. It didn't take a medical degree to see that this child was suffering

from advanced hypothermia, and her mother had at least six miles to walk before there would be any

child's pushchair and another reason, best known to thembent double with a twisted back, selves, the Macedonians had rebeing carried by two men in fused to let a huge armada of cars and taxis hired by Alban-I saw hundreds of babies ian relatives come within this

> The stories were too horrific to tell in detail. I heard of murder, rape, looting, and persistent abuse - by rifle-butt and boot. I heard of several hundred people hiding in a cave that once formed an old marble quarry, being taunted from outside by firing machinepistol volleys into the air. I heard

of the "intelligentsia" types - to an Albanian, anybody who has been university educated or

I drove back to the Macedonian capital, Skopje, in time for lunch and saw the top brass of the multinational Nato force going about their elegant business, while their 12,000 sofar unused troops and their armour lay far, wide and impotent in a 10-mile arc, south of the bor-

old man just shook his head: "No bombs. I hear no bombs. Just

those animals." He repeated

the word twice: "Animals. Ani-

mais." Then he spat and wept.

they can carry, where they must the form of armed robbers, before they reach the border. The "important ones" stay behind. ter how silly it sounded, which forms the recent refrain by Serbian media specialists in European capitals. Did the bombing by Nato cause them to run? One

And I saw the aid workers from a bewildering variety of both official and charity armies, busy on their mobile phones discussing logistics – medical supplies, tents and blankets needed -and making plans for the coming days and perhaps months.

the steak au poiure was being cut, between cellphone calls. and washed down by the flery Macedonian wine. These were committed and clever men, I knew, doing their planning. But up at the border itself, 15 miles of hard road away, there was nothing for the refugees; people who had been travelling for days - geriatrics, pregnant women, cripples and babies - in fear of their lives.

gle aid worker, not a single Red Cross official, not one Nato observer was present.

the sound of whistles being There were no reception centres. No hot food. No medical weapons, as the villages and supplies. No buses. Nothing. Near the border post were two small khaki tents emblazoned are surrounded by regular soldiers who order the people to with the Red Cross. I went to speak to the officials. The tents

were empty. For the lost tribe of Kosovo Albanians, all that greeted them was the full orchestra of the international media - scores in number, clicking and whirring, and asking endless questions and two young men from the Macedonian version of the Salvation Army, handing out bread rings, stale by now and too hard

Somewhere, somebody should have been here with hot food and shelter at the very least. But the tribe didn't seem to notice. In their eyes, young and old, there was only that horrifying look - the weariness that lies beyond suffering and terror.

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¥THE INDEPENDENT KOSOVO APPEAL

How you can help relieve the suffering human tide of misery; columns of Emergency Committee, which

THE INDEPENDENT launchrefugee victims of the Serbian atracities in Kosova, which have led to the biggest humanitarian disaster in Europe since the Second World War. More than 150,000 Albanians have fled Kosovo in the past week amid a brutal campaign of ethnic cleansing in the province. Impoverished neighbouring countries are al-

exhausted people are systematically robbed of their few remaining possessions as they try to cross borders.

The British aid organisations at the forefront of the international relief operation say they need a massive injection of funds to alleviate the plight of the refugees. Donations to the Independent appeal will ready overwhelmed by the be handled by the Disasters

represents 15 charities including Oxfam, the Red Cross and Save the Children.

Since the Serbs began the wholesale clearing of entire cities, towns and villages in Kosovo last week, civilians have been flooding over the borders into Albania, Macedonia and the anti-Milosevic Yugoslav province of Montenegro. The money raised by *The Indepen-*

dent will pay for food, shelter warm clothes and sanitation for the displaced people. Tents, blankets and medical supplies

are also being sent to the region. up today by the Disasters Emergency Committee to take credit card pledges, and donations by cheque will be handled free by banks. The appeal will be backed by an advertising cam-

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telligentsia - being rooted out of

their offices, homes and shops

and marched off to God knows

There were a dozen, almost

identical accounts of the oper-

cleansing. First the roar of tanks

coming down the valleys, then

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hamlets that dot southern Koso-

vo - a place the size of Devon -

Then come the hard men,

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Javier Solana Nato Secretary-General

"What is now happening is a reflection of unimaginably outrageous behaviour on the part of the Serbian forces"

Clare Short

and cut out his eyes. Then they cut open his stomach"

A refugee mother, about her son

"They put a knife in his mouth | "We're beginning to see evidence of potential genocide"

Joe Lockhart White House spokesman

"I've seen them [Serbian forces] shooting men in the head at close range"

İsmail Luta Ethnic Albanian refugee "It's a total blockade. Everything is empty in Pristina"

mine dief a Sabri Haizer Kosovo Albanian refugee

Serbs try for 'final solution' in the capital

PRISTINA EXODUS

SERB FORCES are turning Pristina into a ghost city, after herding tens of thousands of Albanians onto the roads and more than 3,000 on to sealed

The emptying of Kosovo's capital of Albanians will add massively to the refugee burden falling on the neighbouring states, especially Albania. which has accepted more than 100,000 refugees since Nato air strikes began. About 24,000 Kosovars have fled into Mace- of refugees. donia and 20,000 to Montenegro. aid agencies said.

"Everything is empty in Pristina," said Sabri Hajzeri, 30, on reaching Morini in Albania. in the street. The police went news agency Tanjug said. from house to house, saying

You get out from this street." One woman who reached Montenegro told of what the Serb soldiers had done to her son, Nevzat, after they caught him listening to the news on the radio in his car.

They put a knife through his mouth and cut out his eyes," Kimete Kastarti said. Then nounced it would extend its they cut open his stomach. He range of targets, following wideonly went out because there was no electricity and he wanted to know what was going on."

"All the outskirts of Pristina have been burnt," said Fatime Staff General Sir Charles Bekaya, a refugee in Morini. Guthrie admitted bad weather She said paramilitaries were had hampered operations by

"The population was afraid there would be a massacre and started leaving," Islam Sogojeva said. "Those who did not have cars left on foot. I would say 40 per cent of the people have left Pristina.

BY MARCUS TANNER Nato's seeming failure to dent President Slobodan Milosevic's firepower armoury has enabled the Serbs to overrun one of the last Albanian-held trains, which were sent to pockets in Kosovo, diplomats

They said Kosovo fighters in the Paragusa valley, 30 miles south-west of Pristina, which harbours 50,000 refugees from other areas, had been crushed yesterday by the Serbs superior firepower. The defeat may trigger a massive new exodus

President Milosevic again denounced Nato raids yesterday and pointedly promoted the commander of the Yugoslav army in Kosovo to the rank of "You can't see a man anywhere colonel-general, the Yugoslav

Nebojsa Pavkovic, whose troops have overseen the torching and ethnic cleansing of the province of 2 million, had exhibited "great expertise", the Yugoslav leader was quoted as saying.
As Mr Milosevic's offensive

in Kosovo continues to gain strength and scope, Nato anspread criticism that the air campaign had achieved too lit-

The Chief of the Defence manned aircraft. "But we have always said that we were faced, perhaps, with a long haul," he said. He said that in the first five days of the campaign, around 90 attacks were carried out against at least 70 individual sites and "the tempo is hotting



Nato's Supreme Comman-der, General Wesley Clark, said the latest phase of air strikes would include targeting Serbian government buildings in the centre of Belgrade, such as the defence ministry.

The more than 400 Nato planes in the operation will fly more missions and hit a greater he said in Brussels. array of targets all over Yusaid Nato bombers would try to limit civilian casualties "but there are no guarantees in an operation like this".

Rebutting claims that Mr alliance on the defensive, tonomous Kosovo inside Serbia,

LIGHTING UP

Nato's Secretary-General Javier Solana insisted they had enough more than power to stop the Serbs in their tracks. "The plan and campaign that has been organised by President Milosevic is going to be be eroded." stopped by the forces of the 19 countries that belong to Nato."

The US - and other states goslavia, he said. General Clark also warned that they may to the Mediterranean, to be counter Serbia's progress in "ethnically cleansing" Kosovo by recognising it as an independent state. Italy said the West's Rambouillet peace deal. Milosevic's army had put the which envisaged an au-

was now a dead letter, while the White House said: "If this campaign of ethnic cleansing continues, the international community's support for keeping Kosovo as part of Serbia will

The United States also said it was concerned at Russian plans to send up to seven Navy ships from the Black Sea fleet close to the Kosovo conflict. The Kremlin said one warship was due to leave tomorrow, while six others would follow shortly. "We are obviously concerned by the signal such a large deployment might send to Belgrade,

State spokesman said.

With no sign of an diplomatic breakthrough in sight - following Russia's failure to wring any concessions from its Serbian ally on Tuesday - the Pope yesterday announced that he would send his foreign minister to Belgrade with a personal let-

The Vatican said Archbishop Jean-Louis Tauran would leave for Belgrade today. The papal initiative is highly unlikely to bear any fruit, given Orthodox Serbia's traditionally strong feelings of hostility towards the Catholic Church.

a journalist trapped in the Kosovan capital

DATELINE PRISTINA: Our latest report from

My God, I want to get out of here

Wednesday afternoon THE NEIGHBOURHOODS of Dragodan and Taslixhe, entirely Albanian, were emptied yesterday. Now they have broken into almost every house in Dragodan and destroyed them. And they are doing the same thing in Taslixhe.

Vrenjvc, the last neighbourhood on the outskirts of the road to Belgrade, was emptied yesterday. I have no information about looting; it's simply destroying. The streets are different

We used to have heavy firing at night but not so much during the day. Now there is shooting all of the time, day and night. It's not fighting, just shooting in all directions. Everyone is shooting outside. It is going on now. I also saw a few jeeps on the streets taken from the UNHCR [United Nations High Commission for Refugees] warehouse.

Only women dare go out: the men are too vulnerable. But there were no shops open and nothing to buy. Already we have started using the food we had set aside as reserves. Yesterday the people from Dragodan came and now we have four families living in a three-bedroom flat. So we have more mouths to feed.

No one else will write. No one else is around. Everyone is in hiding but I have no information about where they are. We have no leaders now; it is just us.

My friends from Belgrade and elsewhere are calling me, telling me to leave. God, I want to get out of here. I can't stand it. But I won't leave until I have rock-solid guarantees, a document that I am allowed to pass, or something, so that we can get convoy that left yesterday from the city for the Macedonian border. But we hear Peace Reporting, which

lowed through yet.

I check the Internet to thor's name is withheld to find out what is happening protect against reprisals

in my own town. Kosova-press, the KLA agency, reports shootings in Pristina and shelling in Taslixhe. I can hear the shooting but not the shelling. And then I understand. I see why those people came last night into my parents' house. Both of these neighbourhoods, Dragodan and Taslixhe, are up on the hills. Now that they are "clean", it is very easy to set up artillery there and target anything in the town.

At noon, the family is told to leave. The dispatch cannot be finished. There is only time to write one more e-mail:

NO STORY - sorry. We have been ordered to leave the apartment. We're going NOW. I don't

know where... Pray for me, and I'll call you when or as soon as can, but as for now, it seems that I will have the status of the people that came some days ago to my house. Good-bye.

Shortly after the family departs, the Institute in London calls:

"Is X... there?" "He had to go." When do you expect him to come back?" "I don't think he's ever

coming back."

Later, the correspondent finds a telephone. The family has been moved, but it is not possible to say where or how. Plans are made to risk the journey to the Macedonian border. Contacts in the Skopje government will be called on to try to ensure that they can cross the border successfully. It is time to go...

Balkan Crisis Reports' of the Institute for War & that they haven't been al- can be found at <www.i wpr.net>. The au-

BRITAIN TODAY Noon today 12

FORECAST

General situation: Most of England and Wales will have an unseasonably warm day with hazy sonshine. However, fog and low cloud will plague southern and east em coastal counties, keep ing temperatures lower. A band of sharp showers will slowly move into south-western England and south-west Wales during the afternoon Eastern parts of Northern Ireland and eastern Scotland will also have some cloud and patchy must, but areas further west will be dry, mild and fairly sinny E Anglia, E Midlands, E England: Long spells of warm sunshine. A moderate south-east wind. Max temp 17-20C (63-68F), Cooler near eastern coasts where

Channel Is, SW England. S Wales: A dry morning but some fog patches. Sharp showers this afternoon: A moderate south-east wind: Max temp 14-17C (57-63F). Midlands, N Wales. NW England, Lake Dist, Isle of Man: Dry, sunny and exceptly warm. A moderate south-east wind, Max temp 18-210 (64-70F).

Cent N & NE England. SE & NE Scotland, Edinburgh, Aberdeen: Manly dry with sumy spells but there will be mist and tog along the coast. A moderate south-east wind. Max temp 13-16C (55-61F) but cooler near the coast. N isles: Pienty of cloud and fog near southern coasts. A moderate Ma- temp 10-13C (50-55F). NW & SW Scotland, Glasgow, W Isles: Mild with decent sunshine, especially in the west. A moderate south to south-east wind. Max temp 15-18C (59-64F). N Ireland: Mild with sunny spells but odd showers in the west and fog near east-em coasts. A moderate to fresh souti-east wind. Max temp 14-16C (57-61F).

The next few days will continue rather mild with a mix of sumshine and showers, the best of the sufficient killer in the weekend, However, not neast coasts of England and Scotland will stay rather misty and will remain cooler than elsewhere.

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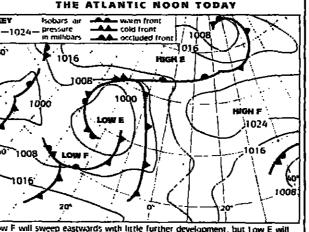
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RAIN OR SHINE...

WHILE TODAY is being billed as the hottest April Fool's Day this century spare a thought for Uranus which is enduring springtime temperatures of around 300 degrees Fahrenheit below zero. Scientists are now able to see what springtime looks like on Uranus for the first time, using the orbiting Hubble Space Telescope. For those who complain of long UK winters, consider the planet's frozen northern hemisphere winter lasts 21 years.

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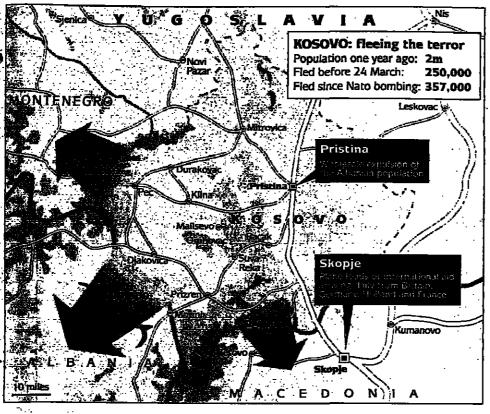
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August 1. 1980 Filolofi WAR IN THE BALKA

Famine stalks the fleeling hordes as relief agencies struggle to keep up



THE REFUGEES

BY PAUL VALLELY AND CHRISTOPHER BRADING

THERE ARE four horsemen of flict. "We are not looking at peothe Apocalypse. Behind war and death there inevitably follow famine and pestilence. To the horrors already witnessed coming out of Kosovo we must now add the threat of hunger and disease among the ad hoc refugee camps which are springing up in Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania. But warning also came yesterday of a timetable of starvation.

"Within seven to 10 days those people may be malnourished and starving. And it is impossible to reach them at this time," said Catherine Bertini the executive director of the United Nations food agency, the World Food Programme in Condon yesterday. Increased inrnational assistance was urkently required for those on the border but there was no way to reach the bulk of the population trapped inside Kosovo, where it is feared the internal food distribution system has collapsed under the pressure of the con-

ple who are in desperate physical shape when they come over the border," Ms Bertini said. But, she said, that was because many had received WFP food inside Kosovo in recent months. "However, certainly a human being cannot stand very many days without access to food."

There is no way of knowing what the scale of the problem inside the region now is. Aid agencies are possibly overestimating the immediciacy of the dangers but, since all the staff from the WFP and other UN agencies were pulled out of Kosovo before the air strikes began, there will be no way of monitoring the rate of deterioration. Only the condition of the ensuing flows of refugees will give a time-lagged clue.

Since Nato launched air strikes against Yugoslav targets a week ago, at least 140,000 people have fled Kosovo and aid officials say another 20,000 are on

their way. It is one of Europe's largest forced exoduses since the Second World War and yesterday in Washington the US Assistant Secretary of State, Julia Taft, pledged to support the international aid organisations who are moving to help the thousands of refugees cross the Kosovo border. "For those who are able to get out, they will he able to avail themselves of said. "We are going to be ready

Even so the food which the WFP has been for some time stockpiling in the border regions of Kosovo's neighbours in preparation for a flow of refugees - is likely to prove inadequate. "The situation is far graver than we anticipated because there are more people crossing the border - sometimes as many as 4,000 people an hour," Ms Bertini said.

nity to provide assistance."

Other international agencies and governments have



with the international commuloaded with humanitarian aid be needed. began converging on the Balkans yesterday. Yesterday the WFP sent 40 tons of wheat flour and 10 tons of high protein biscuits from the Albanian capital, Tirana to the northern Albanian town of Kukes, where some 70.000 refugees have fled.

> On Monday, it sent 9.6 tons of biscuits to the area. On Tuesday, the agency delivered 90 tons of food to the Macedonian capital. Skopie, enough to feed 12,000 people for two weeks. But

also stepped in and aircraft this is only a fraction of what will vast majority of the population Relief workers will also have

> to cope with increasingly difficult logistical problems. Refugees are being relocated to small communities in Albania. and the roads leading to those villages are poor and can only be reached by small vehicles. The agency is appealing for more vehicles as well as increased donations of vegetable oil, beans and sugar.

But by far the greatest problem is with those Kosovars - the

who still remain inside Yugoslavia. At least half a million of them are thought to be displaced within their own land. Tens of thousands have left their homes and are in hiding

Until last week, WFP staff had been working desperately to try to reach them on horseback and motorcycles. But the last monthly rations were placed people. How long those

in the hills.

with earlier hand-outs can eke them out must be uncertain. In addition, many of the UN stores have been looted, according to reports filtering out to WFP staff on the borders.

There is no obvious way of getting food to these people. "It is impossible to air drop food Famine is not imminent, she because it is difficult to locate said. Famine is a massive where people are and planes are required to fly very low when dropping food, which said. "But this is just the handed out on March 23 - to a would make them into targets group of 120,000 internally dis- and that is too much of a risk." Ms Bertini said. In any case the

scale of the problem is likely to be far greater than can be coped with by air-drops. And it is likely to be more long-lived. "The food crisis threatens to

be a long-term problem because no harvest is expected this year." Ms Bertini said. number of people dying and that is not the situation," she beginning of a potential catastrophe and we are gearing up to prepare for the worst.

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'A factory blitzed and our livelihood gone'

IT LOOKED as though a giant had run amok through the Sloboda co-operative factory. Entire buildings had been pulverised, roofs ripped off and hurled over railway lines, heavy electrical machinery torn from ts fittings and thrown hun-ireds of feet into the air. Half a building had fallen into the river. When I went to find the impact of one of the 12 Nato Tomahawk cruise missiles that devastated this square mile of industry on Tuesday morning,

I almost fell into a 30ft crater. The burnt-out sheds contained mangled vacuum cleaners and hair-dryers, flattened kitchen stoves and twisted fridges. One huge packing shed had been blown inside out, its tons of wooden cartons left hanging in the blasted trees, its iron lathe resting on a bridge. "I have a wife and four children and I earned 100 German marks a month and now my life is over," one of the factory workers muttered. He was weeping.

"Last year we celebrated the 50th anniversary of our factory and yesterday we received the strangest congratulations from Nato," screamed Radonir Ljujic. "The factory is destroyed -5,000 jobs and 20,000 citizens of our town who live off this factory - all gone." Mr Ljujic was shaking with anger, sweating, his tie askew, anxious to try his cynicism on us. "Please report all this as objectively as you can," he shouted. "Don't make vacuum cleaners into grenade

launchers to be seen in the wreckage of the Sloboda factory. Nor heavy guns, nor tanks, nor aeroplanes. That the men of Cacak who worked here hair-dryers and boilers and fridges was all too obvious. The heat-sealing glass of a thousand stoves sparkled in fragments amid the pink cherry blossom in front of the undamaged factory head office. But rather a lot of policemen hung around a few plant, including a clutch of plain- of how effortlessly America de- tory, running the length of the men.

SERBS UNDER FIRE

By ROBERT FISK in Cakak, Serbia

there. "One of these wonderful high-tech missiles of America failed to explode," Mr Ljujic added by way of explanation. At least two Yugoslav sources pointed out that a small

part of the Cacak factory did, at one stage - after the imposition of United Nations sanctions during the Bosnian war - make ammunition. Dual-use factories were introduced by the late Communist dictator, Tito, and I couldn't help but wonder why so many blue uniformed policemen should want to patrol those remaining sheds, separated from us by a plastic tape



which - "for our own safety" we could not cross. "There was a small part of the factory that was used for secondary production for particular pur-No, there were no grenade poses," the Yugoslav military source said. "But even so, was

it really fair to destroy all this?" The Serbs still staring in disbelief at the desolation of Cacak's famous factory would made vacuum cleaners and have known how to answer that. Belgrade Radio had framed the familiar response a day earlier in words that echoed every 1960s Radio voked Nato pact aggression." And those Yugoslavs who know small sheds at one end of the nology told a frightening story by a missile - but the main fac- it seems, means all things to all

clothes men who didn't want us stroyed the working lives of the Serbs of Cacak, the 12 Tomahawks, computer-programmed onto the Sloboda sheds, were carried in B-52s from Britain and fired at Serbia from Hungarian airspace. What is the answer to such

technology, the Serbs keep asking? Three days ago, I heard Yugoslavia's air force commander. General Sposoje Smiljanic, trying to answer that question. "A man who is willing and capable can resist technical superiority," he told us. "And a nation is invincible if it knows what it is sacrificing and defending." But that only seemed to echo the Iraqi ninister who insisted, just before the Western onslaught on his country in 1991, that "a country of 18 million people cannot be defeated by a computer".

In the equally industrialised town of Kragujevac yesterday, Englishman with the notebook we found thousands of men from the Zastava car factory who thought they had found their own answer to Nato's technology. Almost all of the 26,000 workforce have slept in the production sheds, the offduty workers sleeping along- cution of 7,000 men and women side the night shift; human - 100 for each German killed shields that are daring Nato to and when they couldn't make commit an atrocity by killing . up the numbers, they went to them all. Jusic Doravic said he was more than ready to die for a factory that keeps his town alive. "Without our factory, there will be no city," he said.

"If Zastava dies, we die." And so it was that before Nato's bombardment began a week ago, these Zastava car men posted an Internet message to the world - and to the not help thinking, as I looked at White House - announcing the 58-year-old pictures, of what their permanent presence on the factory floor and their readi-side of the mountains to the ness for martyrdom. It seems south, in Kosovo. "Terrorists." to have worked. There are the Mr Becanovic roared when I Moscow broadcast: "Unpro- usual Nato rumours of dual- mentioned the stories of mass purpose production at Zastava and at least one report of an about Western missile tech- adjoining plant being damaged The mass grave at Kragujevac,

town, has remained untouched. Instead, Nato turned its attention on the first night of the war to the barracks at Sumarice. A row of garages has been pulverised near the barracks. It was, one officer agreed. a military target, though hardly one that would win Nato's war. "I have to agree it was military," he said. "And if you live next to a barracks, you may get hurt. But apparently in Kosovo it's different. There Nato is bombing

civilian villages.' Many thousands of the Zastava workers trooped past the damaged barracks yesterday to join a "peace" demonstration. For by an awful coincidence, Nato's first salvo of this new Balkan war landed only a few hundred metres from the mass grave of 7,000 Yugoslav civilians, victims of the worst Nazi atrocity of the Second World War.

The Serbs I spoke to all wanted to remind me of this killing field, anxious that the - whose country was once an ally against Hitler - should remember these Serb martyrs of the war against fascism. In retaliation for the killing of 70 German soldiers in 1941, the Wehrmacht ordered the exethe schools and dragged children to the execution pit.

Old Milija Becanovic even remembered seeing the corpses half buried under piles of hay. In the little museum on the hill. there were photographs of frightened men and women, under German guard, awaiting their slaughter. And I could was happening on the other slaughter in the province. "It is the Serbs who are being killed."

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WAR IN THE BALKANS WAR IN THE BALKANS WAR IN THE BALKANS THE RESISTANCE BY EMMA DAIX In Kules

A CURIOUS guard of bonour -10 soldiers in red berets and Kukes hospital. Mihirje's heart mis-matching uniforms ~ stood around the gate of the electricity sub-station in Kukes, amid flat ground packed with hundreds of tractors and thousands of

The soldiers were not there to protect the Kosovo Albanians fleeing the Serbian army's savage assault; they were seeking new blood for the fight that goes on.

Along the border road, and in the main street of Kukes, and south of Kukes on the main road to the Albanian capital, Tirana, uniformed soldiers of the Kosovo Liberation Army set up roadblocks and started searching for young men fleeing the Serbs.

"I want to go with my family - if they let me go," said 23year-old Binak Likai, who was leaning against the plastic sheet covering a tractortrailer parked in a roadside tled somewhere, I want to go camp. "The KLA is recruiting and fight with my sons," he soldiers for the army to go back to fight."

He looked nervous, as 10 guerrillas were standing around at the gate to the to battle, but first were detercamp. "I want to go with my

family," he repeated. Fatmir Krasniqi, 21, was forcibly recruited to the struggle by the KLA at the Kosovo-Albania border crossing at Flamur. Hours before, their

mother, Mihirie, had died in problem had proved too much for the terrifying 21-hour walk out from Kosovo

"They took Fatmir last night, but I went and showed them the death certificate for my wife, so they released him for one or two days," said his father, Muharrem Krasniqi.

He had managed to shepherd four of his children - Fatmir, Azem, 19, and daughters Mihirie and Shote - out of Kosovo, all the time carrying his wife on a stretcher the 11 miles from their home city of Prizren.

Muharrem had ordered his eldest son, Flamur, to split off from the main group with his pregnant wife and child, so that if the Serbs attacked them some of the family at least might survive.

But Muharrem has no intention of fleeing any further. "If I can get the girls setsaid firmly.

Many other Kosovar refugees said they shared his feeling. They wanted to return mined to ensure that their women and children were

"I want to go and fight back, but only after I settle my family somewhere," said Asllan Morini, where he was waiting Kreyziu, leaning against his for news of his older brother, cousin's new Golf, parked



KLA guerrillas standing over the coffins of two of their comrades during a burial ceremony earlier this year

will not know where they are. It is not suicide to go and fight

for Kosovo's independence." Mr Kreyziu, who is married and has three children, added: "We left a lot of property behind. My uncle has worked amid a sea of tractors in a for 20 years in Germany and

"We are not immigrants, that is where we belong, and we are not giving up that

Other relatives - there are about 300 Kreyziu family Rugova, in southern Kosovo -

temporary camp. "Otherwise I everything we own is there. were not so keen. Two young [Albanian] authorities told us men squatting on a small patch of grass surrounded by tractor-trailers loaded with children told of their dilemma

> The villagers wanted to trapped inside their houses members from the village of leave last Thursday, before the and killed. Serbs attacked. "But the local

not to flee, to stay in our housburning there ... we will get es," said Tefik Kreyziu, 21. "On Friday we were shelled and all the houses were set on

"If I am asked to go and

fire. Some people were

fight, I will, but everything is

His mother chipped in: "We want him to come with us, he has to look after us. If he goes back, who will do that?"

escaping the draft look slim. training in the near future.

makeshift camp, set up overnight on flat ground around the walled electricity

The rebels were stopping each trailer, van and car that was leaving, peering through the windows and under plastic awnings in search of men of military age.

Along the narrow, rutted mountain road south from the Morini border crossing, guerrillas have set up recruiting checkpoints.

Most of the buses fanning out towards towns all over Albania were full of women and children. But here and there a few mini-vans and trucks could be seen setting off full of young men.

Presumably they were heading along the mountain mad to a village alleged to be the site of a KLA training

"If they ever want to go back to their homes, they have to fight," said Eduard Myslia. an Albanian from Kukes. where thousands of the refugees are still milling about. If they don't go to fight for Kosovo, who will?"

The Kosovo rebels are wary of admitting their activities in Albania. They fear the recruitment drive may make the country a target for the Yugoslav army.

But if President Slobodan Milosevic continues to defv Nato's demands, the KLA may find itself supplied with West-But her son's chances of ern military equipment and

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From terrorists to freedom fighters

By MARCUS TANNER

FOR YEARS the Kosovars confined their opposition to Serb rule to non-violent protests. When the Croat president Franjo Tudiman urged them to rise in 1991, at the height of Croatia's war with Yugoslavia, the Kosovo leader Ibrahim Rugova refused. "We would be massacred," he told me at the time, in

But after Croatia and then Bosnia broke away, the Kosovars' frustration with Rugothe KLA was born.

Reports of the Kosovo Liberation Army early last year to the defensive. were dismissed at first as Serbian propaganda, aimed at justifying Belgrade's worsening repression of the province's two million Albanians. But in spring the new rebel army burst as if they are taking advantage on to the world stage, rapidly over-running large tracts of the province and even attempting to take over the large central

town of Orahovac. The word "army" still seemed an exaggeration for the rag-tag groups of farmers and school teachers with rusty rifles and mismatched uniforms. But they did have some money, funnelled back into Kosovo from the huge Albanian

diaspora based in Switzerland, Sweden. Germany and the United States.

KLA over-extend itself, in order

to have the excuse to crush both the KLA and the villages and towns where it was strongest. In a massive assault last summer, Orahovac and many other villages were smashed to

pieces and thousands of civilians driven from their homes. The latest Serb offensive, thrown the KLA completely on

"They have been told to the Serbs," said Isa Zymberi, a Kosovar representative in London. "They don't want it to look of air strikes. All the units still inside Kosovo are engaged in helping the civilians."

Mr Zymberi said the KLA was still operating but was crippled by a lack of weapons. Neighbouring Albania. Europe's poorest state, is unable to do much to help. Tirana is also wary of openly flouting the international arms embargo on the former Yugoslavia,

main problem," Mr Zymberi said. "The KLA enjoys wide-The Serbs decided to let the spread support. Every Albanian supports them. They would have 200,000 fighters today if they had the arms, but they have none and have to turn people down as a result."

"The lack of arms is the

"What they want is covert arms supplies but they don't seem to have received any yet," said Tim Judah, a Balkan expert who has studied the KLA.

and scope, appears to have off the organisation, just because they are not confronting the Serb tanks.

"Last summer they melted make no offensive attacks on away when the Serbs arrived. But after they had swept through, the KLA soon reappeared behind them", he said. "The Serbs simply don't have enough men to be everywhere in Kosovo all the time."

And one KLA source, who wanted to remain anonymous, said the organisation was "euphoric" about the support it was starting to receive from the West. Once dismissed in the West as "terrorists", the KLA now seems the West's best alternative to putting in ground troops. "We are practically part of Nato now," the source said.

Enemies fight proxy battle in cyberspace

THE INTERNET WAR

BY KIM SENGUPTA

THE BALKANS have a long history of bitter wars, but this is the first one to be fought out in cyberspace. The allies may not be prepared, as yet, to commit ground forces, but they had no hesitation in sending in the In-ternet against Slobodan Milosevic. Web-sites set up by Nato and the British government were pronounced a great success in the propaganda cam-paign, with thousands of calls from Serbian surfers.

The counter-attack was swift, sneaky and showed the ruthlessness of the Yugoslav leader. His regime unleashed "germ warfare" against the Nato website, sending in a wave of macro viruses. Then came phase two of the operation, a specially manufactured programme which carpet

bombed the site. Last night the British site, set up by the Ministry of Defence, with help from the Foreign Office, was reportedly safe from the "mad hackers" of the 'Butcher of Belgrade", as the tracting ever increasing num- into our e-mail system."

ber of callers from former Yu-The site, led by Richard

Davies of the Defence Information Department, was originally set up last October. From the 1st to 20th March it received 1,024 calls. After airstrikes began the number climbed to 8,600 . In the 24 hours since it was translated into Serbo-Croat, 1,500 "hits" came in, 1,400 from former Yugoslavia. Assessing the damage to

the Nato service spokesman Jamie Shea said in Brussels: "Since the 28th March the service from our Internet home page has been erratic to say the least. We have looked at this very carefully and it seems that we have been dealing with some hackers in Belgrade who have hacked into our website and caused line saturation of the server by using ping bombardment strategy.

"It has also been saturated by one individual who is currently sending us 2,000 e-mails a day and we are dealing with tabloids may put it, and at-

One of the major Serbian sites is the home page of the Serbian Ministry of Information, which, among other things, contains reports on "Albanian terrorist activity". The Serbian Network has become a rallying point against Western figures such as Tony Blair. President Clinton and Robin Cook, who are photographed with the caption "Wanted - War Criminal" underneath.

Defence Secretary George Robertson said: "They tell lies about us. We will go on telling the truth about them and making sure that the unfortunate people of Yugoslavia have access to the truth... about Milosevic and his brutal repression."

Cliff Jones, group editor of news for AOL, one of the world's largest online service providers, said: "There are so many eye witness reports and people are clambering over each other with their websites desperate to get them out. There is so much information that, at worst, it may be confusing, but at best it is the ultimate freedom of information."

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Plan may says Nato

STRATEGY

NATO EXTENDED its air campaign over Yugoslavia yesterday, with allied spokesmen doubts about the strategy.

has "seriously rattled" Slobodan Milosevic, driving him to make his peace offer, there is growing fear of a strategic stalemate with no military vic-

bardment has failed to take out the Serb anti-aircraft defences. with damage estimated at being only "minimal to moderate", say military sources. The hit rate is low, and the US Air Force is down to its last hun-

strikes will extend north of the 44th parallel, allowing allied aircraft to target political and military targets in Belgrade such as the interior ministry.

were coming diluting the effect

has inched closer to being more ships.

drawn into the Yugoslav conflict

by announcing plans to dis-

patch a warship close to the war

Ils Defence Minister, Mar-

shal Igor Sergeyev, said

Moscow had applied to Turkey

for permission to send a re-

comaissance vessel through

zone in the Mediterranean.

of the move. "The interior ministry will now be empty," said one official in Washington. And the extension does not go as far as the US and Britain had hoped because some Nato powers, in particular Italy, are nervous of the attacks.

If the extension does not whether Nato has anything more up its sleeve,

Despite some pressure in the US for ground forces, there is no evidence of any change of heart in the White House or the

setting up of a demilitarised zone on the Yugoslav borders with Allied aircraft endlessly patrolling the skies.

In London yesterday the chief of the defence staff, General Sir Charles Guthrie, admitted the operation has not gone as far forward as hoped. He said: "It could be a long haul. It will be dangerous. He [Milosevic] may, we hope, see sense quickly but we have to steel ourselves for a long campaign if that is what is required."

ANGRY AND rebuffed, Russia was considering sending six vide intelligence to the Yugoslav

Though a largely symbolic

gesture, the dispatch of a Black

Sea fleet vessel reflects the

alarmingly high international

tensions over Kosovo, and will

make it harder for Moscow to

ned to pro-

gets throughout Yugoslavia, concentrating on Kosovo. For the first time, RAF Harriers had flown daylight search and destroy missions for tanks and artillery used by the Serbs against villages and farms.

against them and the six Harriers flew with other aircraft but were again prevented by the weather from carrying out attacks. Cruise missiles were successfully launched against "important targets".

defence facilities have also been struck. The broadening of the range of targets and intensifying of at-

dition to four Mig-29s and a Mig-

21 shot down while trying to

intercept Nato planes. There

have been 16 attacks on radar

and early warning systems, 16

attacks on surface-to-air missile

campaign around 90 attacks a significant increase in low flying. This will inevitably mean a were made against at least 70 "individual sites". Eight airhigher risk to the pilots from fields had been targeted and Serb defences including the portable SAMs. seven aircraft destroyed in ad-

The damage caused by a Nato bomb dropped near the Yugoslav army barracks in Kragujevac was plain to see yesterday

Five B-1 bombers are to be stationed at RAF Fairford, in Gloucestershire, to join 13 B-52s already there. The Defence Secretary, George Robertson, said: "Nato planes are able sites and 12 of the further 15 air very easily to bomb despite the weather, but cannot do so with the accuracy that we believe is absolutely critical.

"Milosevic may ignore the

ternational law is meaningless to him, as the violence we are seeing proves, but we constrain ourselves in acting in a humane manner and therefore we will not take risks with civilian casualties simply in order to drop bombs on what we think might

be military targets." Nato aircraft would now increase the damage to Milosevic's war machine, including tank and troop concentrations.

"We know where they have dispersed to and we know where they are hiding. They are not going to escape." President

Milosevic's offer to try to end the Nato bombing showed he was "seriously rattled" by the bombing. The offer was the "first crack in Milosevic's wall of obstinacy" but showed the Yugoslav leader had miscalculated again. "Milosevic's offer can be

summed up in this way - Nato stops bombing, he only slows the killing. There was no offer of a ceasefire, no offer to stop violence and crimes against humanity and there was no offer to pull out troops to the level he himself agreed last Oc-

TUESDAY 30 MARCH

TIMETABLE

9.00pm: The US says the Yugoslav proposals obtained by Russian Prime Minister, Yevgeny Primakov, fall "far short" of what must be done before Nato will halt its air campaign against Serbia.

9.30pm: The US warns Yugoslavia that any attempt to overthrow Montenegro's democratically elected government would extend the conflict with Nato.

11.00pm: Air-raid sirens sound in Belgrade. Sirens also go off in the Serbian towns of Nis and Novi Sad and the Montenegrin capital, Podgorica.

WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH

1.30am: Nato forces attack Belgrade suburbs and targets around Pristina.

8.00am: Reports emerge of hundreds of ethnic Albanians arriving in Macedonia, saying they were forced by Serbian police to board a train taking them out of Kosovo.

2.40pm: Russia says it is sending a reconnaissance ship to the Mediterranean.

tober. This was no peace move. It was Milosevic blinking in the face of the blows inflicted on his military regime."

General Guthrie said there is increasing intelligence showing a close relationship between President Milosevic and Saddam Hussein.

In March a Serbian delegation toured Iraqi air defence sites, presumably to discuss tactics for combating allied aircraft. "We have seen some of these Iraqi tactics put into practice already over Serbia,"

ATT NEW STATE OF THE PARTY OF T not be working,

BY ANDREW MARSHALL in Washington AND KIM SENGUPTA

insisting publicly there were no But behind the scenes, there are growing worries that the plan is not working. Despite the Defence Secretary's assertion yesterday that the bombing yield results, it is unclear

tory in sight. Six days of intensive bom-

dred cruise missiles. The new programme of

But the US had indicated on Wednesday that such attacks Some officials have talked of forces on Tuesday struck tar-

But the weather had been General Guthrie said Nato

In the first five days of the tacks will take place alongside rules of humanitarian law, in-Russians send reconnaissance ship to war zone

> "monitor Nato actions [and] ensure Russia's security". It also suggests that the Russian government is struggling to maintain its line of

military, said the ship would

MOSCOW PROTEST

BY PHIL REEVES in Moscow

day that April is the traditional period for the Russian navy include missile and anti-subbalancing opposition to Nato's to set sail on training exercis- marine frigates. fulfil its goal of mediating in this actions with a policy of staying es; yet there is little doubt that out of the war, and preserving the presence of Moscow's ves-Marshal Sergeyev, whose long-term relations with the sels in the arena could complicate the conflict and increase

Sources pointed out yester- the overall risks. Russian agencies said the seven ships would

> Further evidence that relations between Moscow and the West are fast freezing over came with the return of the

Russian premier Yevgeny Prisent "a signal ... enough to start liance. "It is for you to judge makov, after his still-born peace a political process". In the mission to Belgrade and Bonn. No sooner had he disembarked from his aircraft than he was savaging Nato for its "stupid, tragically mistaken" decision to continue bombing Yugoslavia.

The Prime Minister blamed the failed mission on Nato intransigence, arguing that Pres-

event, the offer brokered by Mr Primakov – in which Yugoslavia would reduce forces in Kosovo provided the Nato bombing stopped - was swiftly rejected by Nato and the White House.

Mr Primakov yesterday even went so far as to question whether genocide in Kosovo is the fault of the Serbs, or the al-

where genocide is happening, when it is happening and against whom."

Few in Russia or beyond expected the premier's mission to succeed, and his words can be put down partly to rhetoric for domestic consumption. But he may have been affronted by the abrupt speed of Nato's

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Irish peace deal remains elusive despite optimism

TONY BLAIR and the Irish BY DAVID MCKITTRICK Prime Minister, Bertie Ahern. remained immersed in attempts to achieve a breakthrough in the Northern Ireland peace process last night, returning to Belfast to try to reconcile Unionist and republican positions.

the process was confidently predicting last night that the necessary breakthrough would take place, some were saying privately that the chances of success are now better than

Each prediction of eventual agreement was, however, heavily qualified with observations that the negotiations were dif-

Ireland Correspondent

ficult, that much remained to be done and that there were no guarantees of success.

By last night it seemed that no document, even in draft form, had yet been placed by Although no one close to the governments before the parties, although the various elements of a possible deal were said to have been rehearsed in some detail. Negotiations on Tuesday night went on until 11pm and, given the absence of a document, the chances are that many more hours of discussion can be expected.

Unionists and loyalists were generally dismissive of the text

statement, which was issued vesterday. This declared: "IRA guns are silent," but it made no reference to the decommissioning of the republican or-

ganisation's weapons. While some condemned this as unhelpful others pointed out that previous IRA statements had ruled out decommissioning. Some described the statement as being neutral in tone, and it bore the signs of being composed before the present negotiations began.

It declared opaquely: "If the political will exists the peace process contains the potential to resolve the conflict and deliver a durable peace." This ther the IRA or Sinn Fein could

form part of any agreed deal. Mr Blair and Mr Ahern returned to their respective capitals for parliamentary business vesterday afternoon before heading back to Hillsborough Castle pear Belfast for last night's talks British and Irish officials, with the SDLP and Sinn Fein, remained at Hillsborough for continuing contacts but the Ulster Unionists withdrew to Stormont.

The Rev Ian Paisley meanwhile geared up for a full-scale assault on any agreement, saying that the Unionist leader David Trimble "is going into

one in his party having a clue what he will settle for". The DUP leader described this as

"a catastrophic situation". Mr Trimble himself said: "We have had no indication yet from the republican movement that they are prepared to commit themselves to carrying out the agreement. There is optimism of course, but at the moment we have not seen any sign that the republican movement is committing itself in a realistic way to carrying out its share of the agreement.

That's the problem, and while there may be some encouraging things in terms of at-

nature we have to be very clear here between form and sub-

Mr Blair said: "We believe there has been good progress made here, but there is still more to do. The people of Northern Ireland will not forgive us if we do not get this sort-

In Dublin, Mr Ahern told the Irish parliament that it would be "terrible" if the parties were to witness the collapse of the Good Friday Agreement. He said the dispute came down simply to one point, and that is about timing and dates". He added: "Surely we should not lose out because two of the parties can-

Degas' dancer may fetch £5m at auction

BY KATE WATSON-SMYTH

A DEGAS pastel of a ballet dancer is expected to fetch more than £5m when it is sold at auction this summer.

The painting, one of the artist's favourite subjects, has been in the same family since 1879 when it was bought from a gallery in Paris by a friend of Edgar Degas. Danseuse au repos shows a young dancer relaxing, and was unveiled at Sotheby's in London yesterday the first time it had been seen anywhere outside Paris.

Michel Strauss, the cochairman of Sotheby's Impressionist, Modern and Contemporary Art, said it was the most beautiful work by Degas to have appeared on the open market since 1983 when a painting called L'Attente fetched £2.1m in New York.

Danseuse belonged to Jules-Emile Boivin, a French industrialist and co-founder of the Sommier sugar company.

Before its sale on 28 June at Sotheby's, London, the pastel, with others from the Boivin collection, will be exhibited in Paris, New York and Zurich. Another pastel by the artist, Femme assise devant un piano, which was also owned by the Boivin family, will be sold at the auction.

Both works belonged to a series by Degas featuring women in interiors, which Mr Boivin bought in the 1880s. His collection of six works has been split and one, Danseuses, is in the Musée D'Orsay after the family gave it to the French government in lieu of inheri-



Dominic Cacioppo of Sotheby's in London holding Degas' 'Danseuse au repos', which is expected to sell for at least £5m

Hillsborough PC on murder

'Urgent' help for Hackney schools

THE BUSINESS adviser KPMG was appointed by the Government yesterday to assist east London's troubled Hackney local council with urgently needed improvements to its education service. The School Standards minister, Estelle Morris, said that KPMG would start work immediately. The move follows the publication last week of a highly critical report on Hackney's services by the education watchdog Ofsted.

IN BRIEF

BA 'air rage' passenger jailed

A MAN who attacked two fellow passengers and smashed a window on a British Airways jet was jailed for 15 months. Lee Thresher, an electrician aged 29, had admitted endangering the 15 January flight and causing criminal damage. He was sentenced at Isleworth Crown Court, west London. BA "warmly welcomed" the decision.

Learner driver admits killings A LEARNER driver, Karli Jones, 22, was jailed for five years yesterday after admitting causing the deaths of two people by dangerous driving. Jones, from Earley, near Reading, had been doing 80 to 90mph in the town, and hit

an oncoming car, Reading Crown Court was told The driver and a passenger in Jones' car were killed. Two held by police in egg inquiry A NATIONWIDE blitz on the theft of rare bird eggs led to the detention of two men at a breeding ground on Mull, police said yesterday. The men, from Manchester, were

ound near the nest of white-tailed sea eagles on Tuesday. Green tea may combat cancer GREEN TEA may help to prevent cancer by inhibiting the

growth of new blood vessels. Swedish scientists at the

Karolinska Institute in Stockholm said yesterday.

officers face trial charge over raid

TWO FORMER senior police officers at the centre of the Hillsborough football stadium disaster failed in the High Court yesterday to block private prosecutions in which they stand ac-

cused of manslaughter. In a decision warmly welcomed by many families of the 96 victims who died in the football stadium tragedy 10 years ago, three judges rejected accusations that the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) acted "unreasonably and perversely" when he refused to halt the prosecutions launched by the Hillsborough Family

Support Group. Former Chief Superintendent David Duckenfield, 54, who had been in charge of crowd control, and former Superintendent Bernard Murray, 56, face accusations of manslaughter and wilful neglect of public duty at the time

of the tragedy in April 1989. Lord Justice Laws, sitting in London with Mr Justice Cresswell and Mr Justice Latham. spoke of the "terrible disaster" at the FA Cup semi-final game between Liverpool and NotSTEPHEN HOWARD

tingham Forest, played at Sheffield Wednesday's Hillsborough ground.

He ruled that arguments for blocking the private prosecutions were "misconceived" and the DPP, David Calvert-Smith QC, had taken "a perfectly roper approach" in deciding last December that it was in the public interest that they should

In a written judgment, Lord Justice Laws said: "The decision not to discontinue is no more unlawful than is the policy which the DPP applied."

Trevor Hicks, chairman of the Hillsborough support group, welcomed the decision. The judges ruled that the local police authority could pay for Mr Duckenfield's and Mr Murray's defence. "Police authorities "have power to provide financial assistance to officers and ex-officers in the defence of private prosecutions". South Yorkshire police authority withdrew its assistance to the for-

mer officers on 5 February.

A POLICE officer has been charged with murder after a naked man was shot during a

raid by armed officers.

The Crown Prosecution Service announced last night that Constable Chris Sherwood, of Sussex Police, had been charged with the murder and manslaughter of James Ashley, who died in January last year. Mr Ashley, 39, was in bed with his girlfriend at his flat in St Leonards, East Sussex, when officers from Sussex Police's Special Operations Unit carried out an early-morning raid. Mr

Ashley was shot in the chest. PC Sherwood was charged after an investigation into Mr Ashley's death, which was led by Deputy Assistant Commissioner Barbara Wilding of Kent police. Four other Sussex officers were charged with misfeasance in public office, a common law offence that carries a maximum sentence of life

imprisonment. They were named as Superintendent Christopher Burton, acting Detective Chief Inspector Kevin French, Detective Inspector Christopher Home Affairs Correspondent

Paul Siggs and Constable Robert Shoesmith.

The five officers will appear before magistrates at Bow Street in London on 21 May.

A separate investigation into

the role of the senior command of Sussex Police, which was led by Sir John Hoddinott, the Chief Constable of Hampshire, found "insufficient evidence" to bring charges against the Chief Constable of Sussex, Paul Whitehouse, his deputy Mark Jordan, and Assistant Chief Constables Maria Wallis and Nigel Yeo. Mr Whitehouse, 55, was suspended three weeks ago after criticism of his role in the James Ashley case.

Last night Sussex Police Authority issued a statement to say the suspension of Mr Whitehouse had been lifted. The chairman of the authority, Ken Bodfish, said: "The authority decided that it is in the interest of the people of Sussex and of the force that Paul Whitehouse should resume his office of Chief Constable.

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Rover plant rescued by £150m grant

A MASSIVE package of state By BARRIE CLEMENT aid, thought to be worth some £150m, was finally agreed yesterday between the Government and BMW to secure the future of Rover Longbridge, Britain's biggest car plant.

Although both sides refused to divulge the value of the deal, it is understood that they struck a compromise between the £220m demanded by the German company and the £118m initially offered by ministers.

The deal, one of the biggest agreed by a British government, was sealed after head-tohead negotiations yesterday Byers the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and Promorning between Stephen fessor Joachim Milberg, the BMW chairman.

The agreement will secure 12,000 jobs at the Midlands plant, although union sources believe the workforce will be reduced through natural wastage. The deal also means that the threat hanging over a further 50,000 jobs that are dependent on the plant has receded. Management is expected to

press ahead with an ambitious £1.7bn programme to build a and to modernise the huge factory. A joint statement from the Government, BMW and Rover said that an agreement in principle had been reached, which would secure production of the new medium-sized car at Longbridge. It added that a final greement depended on BMW board approval on 12 April and he approval of the EU author- were disinclined to improve

Labour Editor

ities who monitor state aid to

industry. Tony Woodley, the national officer for the motor industry at the Transport and General Workers' Union, said the state aid was tremendous news that removed the "uncertainty, insecurity and anxiety" that had hung over the union's mem-

bers for the past five months. Workers at Longbridge could now look forward to a "bright new future". Mr Woodley said. "While we have always been optimistic that a positive outcome would eventually emerge, it is an immense relief that the long dark days of purgatory are over." Ken Jackson, the general

secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, said the agreement was good for Longbridge and its workforce. "I was always confident that the Government and BMW would reach a successful conclusion given that the workforce had delivered new flexibility at the plant. The months of despondency are new range of cars at the site finally over and we can get on with the real job of producing cars that we can be proud of."

It is understood uncertainty over the future of the complex had led to difficulties in the implementation of an agreement to introduce the new working practices - part of the package that secured the plant's future. A Rover source said workers

productivity while management was threatening to switch production to Hungary. Mr Byers said the Govern-

ment's objective had always been to secure the long-term future of Longbridge. "When the details are announced it will show that this deal breaks new ground as far as government support is concerned, not just for the preservation of jobs, but to increase productivity and improve the skills of the workforce." Mr Byers had always maintained that the deal would need to secure good value for taxpayers as well as help the industry to prosper.

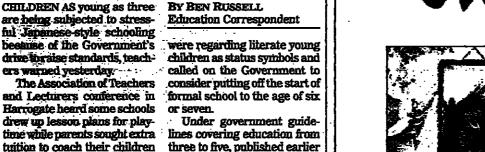
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A Longbridge worker shows his delight on hearing the news of the Government's agreement on a deal for the Rover plant

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Blair juggles a petrol bomb, an octopus and a Ming vase

awe and curiosity yesterday. Here was a man simultaneously attempting to control a potentially contagious war in the Balkans, finesse the Byzantine politics of the European Commission and prevent a fragile peace in Northern Ire-land from falling apart. This must be rather like juggling

a lighted petrol bomb, a live octopus and a Ming vase with one hand, and yet Mr Blair is not displaying any obvious signs of strain, even when faced with the notional ordeal of Prime Minister's questions. There are only two real ex-

I LOOKED upon Mr Blair with some stress reaches some upper level of say. "Honest. Much bigger than the saturation and can then never get any worse, or Mr Blair now looks forward to Wednesday afternoons as a spot of light relief in his otherwise gruelling schedule - the one point in the week when it is guaranteed that he will not have to answer any awkward questions.

Labour backbenchers don't just stroke the Prime Minister these days, they give him a full-body massage, first of all applying perfumed oil to his person and then rubbing against him while murmuring admiring remarks about the impressive proportions of his achievement. "It's massive," they

last chap's."

To outsiders, this may appear a rather cold and mechanical exercise, transparently false in its simulation of what should be a loving and tender act. How can Mr Blair not be nauseated by the naked calculation of these urgent moans of love? How can it be that the cliched words of arousal - "Does the Prime Minister agree ... ?" or, "Would my Right Honourable friend condemn,..?" - do not begin to cloy? But no - something about this tawdry exercise seems to soothe the PM. He could after all end it tomorrow if it genuinely disgusted him.



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The Opposition offers different pleasures - a light birching to restore the circulation and tone the

good form yesterday, beginning with a rather tabloid suggestion that the Government should match donations for aid in Kosovo "pound for pound". What next? All givers to be entered in a lottery to win a Rover built at Longbridge?

William Hague came back later with an equally nugatory question about savings schemes - the sort of thing that would be fine for a quiet month but could hardly be described as rising to the current occasion: Every now and then, of course, the birch twigs will be applied a little heavily: "How does he reconcile bombing murderers in

skin. The chief bircher wasn't in Kosovo with releasing murderers in Northern Ireland?" asked Eric Forth, provoking a chatter of outrage from Labour benches. "Steady on!" they yelled, "You almost left a weal with that one!"

Mr Blair also snapped a bit, but soon calmed down again to luxuri-ate in the painless thrashing of an Archie Norman question. Then he uttered the code he uses to indicate the session is over - "No more boom and bust." The executive had been relieved and could get back to more serious business.

If Prime Minister's questions left a nasty taste in the mouth, Clare Short took it away again with a

for Kosovo refugees. Gary Streeter. her Tory opposite, made the foolish mistake of attempting to top her in the compassion stakes and suffered for it. On the touchy-feely stuff, nobody can match Clare.

She also showed Mr Blair just how he should have dealt with that silly business of matching donations: "My instinct is that it would slow things up and that's not what we need at the moment," she said brusquely when asked about it. It takes some nerve to boot a fluffy bunny out of the way like that, even when the bunny has obviously been put there to trip you up.

Camps would aid Serbs, says Short

CLARE SHORT yesterday rejected accusations that the Government failed to prepare for the masses of refugees fleeing Kosovo. She stressed it would have been an "appalling act of complicity in ethnic cleansing" if camps had been set up to await the Kosovo Albanians in advance of Nato air strikes.

In a statement on the refugee crisis, the Secretary of State for International Development insisted such actions would "only have assisted" the objectives of the Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic.

She said: "What is now happening is a reflection of unimaginably outrageous behaviour on the part of the Serbian forces. People's outrage must be directed at the Serbian aggression and not the UN agencies struggling to cope with the crisis."

She told MPs the Government would "do all in its power to support the international effort to provide as quickly as possible shelter and food for those who have been driven over the

BY SARAH SCHAEFER Political Reporter

borders". There were more than 250,000 internally displaced people within Kosovo, and a further 100,000 in neighbouring countries before Nato intervened. In recent days the situation has deteriorated. Ms Short said: "More than 100,000 people, mostly women, children and elderly people, have been driven from their homes. They are very, very frightened. They are bring-ing with them stories of gross brutality and killing, which forced them to leave and often

forced their men folk to stay." Earlier, during question time, Tony Blair renewed his warning that Nato forces would continue and increase the air strikes until "the job is finished". Dismissing President Milosevic's offer to start withdrawing troops from the region. the Prime Minister said: "What we have to do is intensify these attacks and that is what is han-

tacks being carried out today on the actual troops repressing the people in Kosovo will inflict real damage to Milosevic's tanks, artillery and the thugs carrying out this killing and repression in Kosovo."

The Prime Minister also agreed to consider a suggestion from the Tory leader, William Hague, that the Government should at least match pound for pound money donated to help refugees fleeing Kosovo.

But he made clear the Government had already made a "massive commitment" and had promised an extra £10m to the relief effort.

Mr Hague said: "This proposal for matching funds would have the advantage of encouraging many additional donations and channelling more money directly through the aid agencies and charities concerned." In later exchanges, Mr Blair

went on to attack Alex Salmond. the SNP leader, for speaking out

goslavia, saying he was "appalled" by the comments. "The claim made by the SNP that economic sanctions would work in this situation is palpably ridiculous. Nobody believes that to be the case. The only alternative is either to take the action we are taking or leave these poor, defenceless Kosovar Albanian people to the mercy of the Serb

killing machine," he said. Eric Forth, the Tory MP for Bromley and Chislehurst, was jeered by Labour MPs when he asked the Prime Minister: "How do you reconcile bombing murderers in Kosovo with reeasing murderers in Northern Ireland?

Amid uproar, Mr Blair replied: "The idea that we can compare the situation where we are sitting down trying to get the Good Friday Agreement implemented with the killing of innocent civilians in Kosovo is something that could only come from today's right-wing Con-

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Activists outside the High Court yesterday with three MPs who are taking legal action against the Government over plans to bypass normal formalities for GM foods. From left: Charles Secrett of Friends of the Earth. Norman Baker (Lib Dem, Lewes), Alan Simpson (Lab. Nottingham South) and John Randall (C, Uxbridge)

'Catch-up' salary rise of 24% awarded to peers

THE SALARIES of some junior ministers are to rise by 24 per cent - more than 10 times the rate of inflation, Tony Blair announced yesterday.

In a move that was guaranteed to provoke the ire of public sector unions, the Prime Minister said that junior ministers in the House of Lords would have their pay increased from £44,832 to £55,631.

In line with recommendations made by the independent Senior Salaries Review Body (SSRB), ministers of state will also receive rises of 20 per cent to take their earnings up to £64,426

Mr Blair said that the increases, which include a one-off payment of £8,500, were needed to bring ministers in the Lords into line with their coun-

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MINISTERS' PAY

BY PAUL WAUGH Political Correspondent

terparts in the Commons. Cabinet pay will be determined later this year, but the large "catch-up" rises are sure to increase the pressure from some ministers in the Commons to take up rises owed to them.

John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, David Blunkett, the Secretary of State for Education, and Ann Taylor, the Chief Whip, have claimed that they should be allowed to receive an extra £16,000 owed since the last general election.

However, the Chancellor. Gordon Brown, is known to have made clear to his colleagues they should forgo the upgrade, equivalent to a 17 per

a time when the Government was urging pay restraint on the private and public sectors. Tony Blair set an example for his colleagues when he declared that he would take just £60,167 of the £102,750 to which he is entitled. Cabinet ministers followed suit and currently receive £45,201 of their £61,650 entitlement - but many believe that if they do not

take up the extra payment soon, they will lose it for ever. Public sector workers were given a 4.1 per cent pay award earlier this year and last night Unison, Britain's biggest union, said the rise for ministers in the Lords contrasted badly with its

own members' increase. Downing Street said that when the £8,500 one-off increase was discounted, the rises were

cent rise, to avoid criticism at only 2.8 per cent for ministers. Mr Blair also announced in a written parliamentary answer that he would accept the SSRB's recommendation to pay £64,307 to the First Minister for Scotland and Northern Ireland and the First Secretary of the Welsh Assembly.

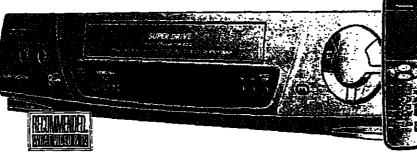
The review board had suggested that the Deputy First Minster for Ulster should receive £47,504, but Mr Blair said that in view of the "unique political situation" in the province, the SDLP's Seamus Mallon would be paid the same as David Trimble. Salaries for the members of the Scottish Parliament will be £40,092, compared with £38,036 for members of the Northern Ireland Assembly and £33,500 for members of the Weish Assembly.

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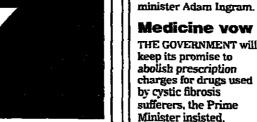
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Bid to ban drink for matches fails

DRACONIAN PLANS to impose city-wide alcohol bans during big football matches and to give police "catch-all" powers of arrest have been dropped by the Government.

A Home Office review of anti-hooligan laws found widespread opposition to the proposals, although it showed porters travelling abroad and

on racist chanting at games. The review found overwhelming backing from the public and interested groups for moves to toughen up most other aspects of the law. Most in time for Euro 2000.

LICENSING By Paul Waugh

of the new restrictions, particularly bans on the movement of fans who do not have footballrelated convictions, were included in a backbench Bill published yesterday.

Kate Hoey Home Office minstrong support for bans on sup- ister, said the Government would support the Football (Offences and Disorder) Bill. which will also allow courts to remove passports from England supporters five days before a game. The Bill could be law

Power to the regions

THE PROSPECT of directly elected assemblies for the English regions took a significant step closer to reality vesterday when ministers unveiled ambitious plans to boost invest-

ment for depressed areas. Labour's manifesto commitment to create regional "mini-Parliaments" was underlined as John Prescott. the Deputy Prime Minister, announced details of eight new Regional Development Agencies due to start work today.

The agencies will be com-

leaders, trade unionists and university figures and will coordinate inward investment skills improvement and regeneration projects. The Northwest. North-east, Yorkshire and the Humber West Midlands, East Midlands, Eastern, Southwest, South-east and London will each have their own agency.

Richard Caborn, minister for the Regions and Regeneration, said yesterday: "We are posed of businessmen, council managing change in England."

THE HOUSE



TONY BLAIR rejected Tory claims that next week's replacement of

PEPs and Tessas with ISAs was discouraging people from saving. Mr Blair said the savings ratio in the coming year was actually increasing.

Balancing act BARONESS JAY of

Paddington, the Minister for Women, launched a pilot project to consider how to encourage more businesses to implement family-friendly working.

Absent friend THE PRIME Minister

came under pressure to appear in the Commons more often. Sir Patrick Cormack, for the Tories, said: "He has appeared far less than any Prime Minister in our recorded history and we would like to see a little more of him because he is, after all. our Prime Minister."

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ng vas Judges accept Big Mac 'heart risk'

A DIET of McDonald's burgers BY STEPHEN HOWARD may lead to the "very real risk" of heart disease, three Court of

Appeal judges ruled yesterday. This finding alone meant another triumph for Britain's most famous do-it-yourself of the giant fast food chain after it accused them of libel.

Supporters of the environmental campaigners. Dave Morris and Helen Steel, celebrated as the pair overturned in their mammoth legal battle with McDonald's.

Lords Justices Pill, May and Keane handed down a 309-page judgment, which ruled that it was fair comment to say Mc-Donald's employees worldwide portant element in the case, "do badly in terms of pay and

fit one eats enough McDonaid's food, one's diet may well become high in fat etc, with the

very real risk of heart disease". The judges said their findings "must have a serious effect on about the risks of cancer, it is their trading reputation since it well established that such facts goes to the very business in as they did establish when which they are engaged.

"In our judgment it must have a greater impact on the respondent's [McDonald's] reputation than any other of the charges that the trial judge had found to be true," they added.

The judges said they had "considerable sympathy" with the pair's argument that the leaflet meant "that there is a remedical opinion which links a junk food diet with a risk of cancer and heart disease".

AND CATHY GORDON

But they said the allegations about cancer were not justified. They added that there was no truth in the charge lawyers, who took on the might about food poisoning and this company in the restaurant

The judges also upheld that McDonaki's was not responsible for starvation in the Third World some of the High Court rulings or for the destruction of the rainforests and these allegations in the leaflet were "very harmful to a company's reputation".

The judgment says: "Nutrition and health risks always was and was bound to be an imgiven McDonald's business.

"It is therefore highly sig-They also said it was true that nificant that the allegation about the risk of heart disease has been justified.

"Moreover, even though the appellants failed to justify fully all the defamatory statements those statements may be relied upon in mitigation of damages."

They reduced McDonald's £60,000 damages awarded in the High Court against Ms Steel and Mr Morris to £46,000.

Mr Morris, 44, a former postman, and Ms Steel, 33, a former gardener, were ordered in June to appeal in that two further 1997 to pay the libel damages spectable (not cranky) body of after a 314-day trial - the longest in English legal history which is reckoned to have cost McDonald's £10m.

After the trial, Mr Justice Bell ruled that the company had been libelled by most of the allegations in a London Greenpeace campaign leaflet entitled "What's Wrong with McDonald's?" But he found that the leaflet was true when it accused was "especially serious" for a McDonald's of paying low wages to its workers, being reponsible for cruelty to some of the animals used in its food products and exploiting chil-

dren in advertising campaigns. McDonald's attempt to suppress the leastet resulted in more than 3 million being handed out in the UK alone as publicity over what became known

as the McLibel Trial increased. A website highlighting the case and containing more than 20,000 files about the trial and McDonald's has been accessed more than 65 million times.

Richard Rampton QC, for McDonald's, told the judges that his client would not be taking the matter to the House of During the appeal hearing,

Mr Morris told the court that McDonald's had never applied seeking to prove justification of for its damages or costs or for an injunction banning further publication of the leaflet. The use of libel laws by

multinational corporations was a form of censorship, he said. After the appeal hearing, Mr Morris said: "This is a complete vindication of our decision areas of McDonald's core business practices have effectively been slammed by the court, on top of those findings in our favour by Mr Justice Bell."



Dave Morris and Helen Steel at the High Court in London yesterday where judges reduced McDonald's damages to £40,000

Mystery of steak and kidney pudding with no meat

STEAK AND kidney puddings BY COLIN BROWN that contained no steak and no kidney were among the glaring examples of poor food produced by household brandname firms criticised yesterday in a government survey.

ing and shaming" the companies that were found, through rectly labelled food - but some privately ordered changes with

their suppliers.

Chief Political Correspondent

inspectors found that one in seven samples of sausages burgers, pies, patés and "recipe" dishes contained meat Supermarkets were furious not declared on the label, while with the Government for "nam- others did not contain the meat declared on the label.

Jeff Rooker, an Agriculture DNA testing to be selling incor- minister, said the findings showed clear failures in quality control by some of the big supermarket chains and corner The survey by Ministry of shops. "A lot have said they Agriculture, Fisheries and Food didn't clean down the produc-

serious than if someone is chucking in cheaper products, but it is bad in itself." he said.

Asda wrote to the ministry after inspectors found pork in eight Aberdeen Angus sausages labelled as containing beef at its store in South Bank, Leeds. Beef was also detected in two Scotch pies labelled as containing mutton and pork. and turkey was found in coarse chicken and bacon in red wine economy chicken burgers conpaté. The supermarket said: tained turkey. Safeway's bologclear that these contamina-

sufficient attention to cleaning between the production lines."

But that did not explain the mystery of the missing ingredients in the steak and kidney pudding from Campbell Grocery Products in King's Lynn. The inspectors found no trace of beef or pork in the puddings. Sainsbury's chicken breast

in jelly was found to contain turkey, not chicken. Kwik Save "From our investigations it is nese contained no beef, the cross-party Commons Sealthough beef was on the label. lect Committee studying the

tion lines properly. That is less tions have been caused by in- Tesco's smooth Brussels pork government Bill to set up a food and liver pate contained pork. but also chicken and turkey.

J Sainsbury plc questioned the accuracy of the DNA tests. But Tesco wrote: "Mixing species remains a problem for the meat industry. We have again told our suppliers that this is unacceptable. We have formed a product integrity group to carry out unannounced audits of the meat and convenience food sector."

In a separate development.

standards agency called on the Government to scrap the flatrate levy of £90 on all Britain's 600,000 food outlets and re-

place it with a graduated levy. The committee also called on the Government to give the agency a clearer remit over nutrition and dietary advice, in spite of ministers' misgivings about giving the agency too much power to interfere in food production. "We believe the agency should be the body responsible for setting the nutri-

tional and dietary standards."

What Are You Buying?

DNA tests by Maff inspectors found the following ingredients in these products: ■ Safeway Cumberland pork sausages contained chicken.

Tesco Chicken and Broccoli Potato Top contained turkey. ■ Sainsbury Chicken Breast in Jelly contained turkey.

Pork in Asda Aberdeen

Angus beef sausages. Kwik Save economy chicken burgers contained turkey. ■ Bernard Matthews cooked chicken breast contained turkey. Pork in Samerfield beef

and onion pie.

Campbell Grocery Products steak and kidney pudding contained no beef and no pigs' kidney.

Health warning on dangers of anti-bacterial cleaners

BY CHERRY NORTON, CHARLES ARTHUR AND CATHY MAYER

MANUFACTURERS ARE exploiting people's fears about hygiene with a whole range of expensive anti-bacterial products that may do more harm than good.

Experts believe the overuse of anti-bacterial agents in household products such as washing up liquids, chopping boards, binliners and kitchen utensils could lead to resistant bacteria, and make people complacent about basic hygiene.

Research today in the science journal Nature confirms these fears. It shows that E.coli, one of the most common causes of food poisoning, could develop resistance to triclosan –

a common anti-bacterial agent. A Health Which? survey iso published today, found that half of the people in Britzin have bought anti-bacterial products. But one in 10 wrongy believed the products made dishes, surfaces and hands sterile, and one in six believed boards with anti-bacterial

agents needed less cleaning. An investigation by The Independent revealed manufacturers are charging a large standard bottle of Tesco wash- need to use them." ing up aquid costs 67p, a similar product with an anti- fional Federation of Consumer

THE PRICE YOU PAY

<u>Product</u>	Anti-bacterial	Standard	<u>%diff</u>
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Tesco Washing ap liquid	£1.35	67p	101
Fairy Washing up liquid	£1.45	85p	70
Persil Washing up liquid	95p	75p	27
Tesco Handwash/soap	£1.49	47p	217
Sainsbury's Was up liquid	hing 89p	15p	493
Sainsburg's Moisturising Handwash/ 4 economy soap	s £1,49	33p	351

bacterial agent costs £1.35. Samsbury's 10 All Purpose cioths cost 49p, or £1.59 with anti-bacterial protection.

*Ordinary detergents are perfectly adequate," said Janice Allen of the National Consumer Council. "If you stick to premium for products that con- the normal hygiene rules in the the number of food poisoning tain anti-bacterial agents. A kitchen then there isn't any

Stuart Coverley of the Na-

troduced 12 years ago, is the fastest-growing sector of the £140m domestic surface cleaning products market. It is estimated that consumers spend more than \$25 million a year on these anti-bacterial products.

"We'd like to see a closer monitoring of this rapidly growing market, and hope that a new European Union directive, the Biocidal Products Directive, will deliver this," said Charlotte Gann, editor of Health Which? But ultimately this is a whole new market we can do without."

The research published in Noture has shown that E.coli bacteria, one of the most common causes of food poisoning, could acquire resistance to triclosan's effects through a comparatively simple mutation.

"It works by inhibiting a key metabolic pathway involving a particular enzyme," said Professor David Rice of the University of Sheffield's molecular biology department.

Groups said: "Consumers are "In that sense it is acting as being unnecessarily overan anti-biotic would. That charged. They're being taken means anti-biotic-type resisance could arise."

But despite the money spent Widespread use since the on the products, official figchemical was introduced could ures from the Public Health also have led people to rely too Laboratory Service show that heavily on it, he added.

There's no doubt people are worried about getting baccases has tripled in the past 10 years, with 100,000 cases reterial infection, but basic bygiene procedures are often more than enough."

anti-bacterial cleansers, first in-

Well-bred strawberries taste sweeter

ported in 1998.

aroma aione," he said.

A STRAWBERRY by a number BY CHARLES ARTHUR of different genes could taste rather sweeter, according to British scientists who have isolated the elements that give

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But - mindful of the furore over genetically modified crops the fruit its faste, smell and - they will try to achieve this using conventional plant breed-A team at the Harticulture ing methods.

They will use modern tech-Wellesbourne, Warwickshire, nology though, by following fruit that will taste sweeter and cate which varieties of the fruit richer and be more fragrant. produced by crossing have the

required flavour genes. Masugar into the fruit cells from nipolating such genes by natural the plant's phloem, its equivaprocesses could produce useful lent of blood vessels. fruit more quickly than genetic The whole basis of fruit engineering, suggests Ken Manripening is to make it tasty

ing, who led the research. enough to ensure seed dispos-"There are at least 280 different al," he said. "But if the gene compounds involved in the which makes the [sugar-dumping] protein were overex-The key to a sweeter strawpressed, we could raise the berry consists of regulating amount of sucrose coming into the production - or "expresthe fruit, which would result in sion"-of a protein that passes a sweeter strawberry."

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Former banker takes hold of the purse-strings at British Museum

pointed a former investment banker as managing director in an attempt to increase its income and stave off a financial crisis. Suzanna Taverne will work alongside Robert Anderson, the museum's director.

most popular in the world, receives more than six million visitors annually but only £600,000 in donations. Ms Taverne will have ultimate financial control and will

The museum, among the

ing officer, a title traditionally countable to the Government bury to St Pancras would

THE BRITISH Museum has ap- By KATE WATSON-SMYTH

The post has never before gone to someone with a financial background; traditionally an academic has been chosen.

Her appointment comes after a report in 1996 said the museum was facing a financial crisis. Andrew Edwards, the author of the report and a former deputy secretary at the Treasury, said the museum would have to end its longstanding tradition of free actake over the role of account- cess to the collection and warned that the British Liheld by a director and ac- brary's move from Blooms-

deprive the museum of £3m a year in rental income.

He found that the museum,

which has been run on a tight budget since it was established in 1753, had no finance director and no qualified accountants on its staff. He predicted that it would accrue debts of millions of pounds unless it took radical decisions. The appointment of Ms Taverne, the daughter of the

A spokesman for the mu-

those radical decisions.

Taverne, appears to be one of

that Ms Taverne's appointment was simply a question of strengthening the senior management. "We are in a much better position now and although we are not home and

dry we are making big ef-

forts," he said. "Ms Taverne will be responsible for increasing our income and working alongside the director so that he can con-Liberal Democrat peer Lord centrate on curatorial and scholarly matters."

Mr Anderson said yesterday seum said vesterday that working with Ms Taverne, with made since the report and and status. "She brings with

her a new range of skills which will prove to be of great value as the museum develops its public service to a higher plane." he said.

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Ms Taverne said: "I will be looking to raise the museum's income from the private sector and also looking at what people spend on publications and in retail outlets, which also needs to increase.

"The museum has very large ambitions and I will be looking to see if they are doing that he was looking forward to as much as they can, and working in conjunction with the many improvements had been whom he will share equal pay director to help it achieve those ambitions.

Stay-at-home students do worse in life

STUDENTS WHO live at home By CHERRY NORTON while they do university courses end up with lower-paid jobs than young people who leave to study, say researchers.

Undergraduates from the South-east, Scotland and Wales were most likely to live at home and those from East Anglia most likely to leave to study.

The findings showed young people from affluent backgrounds, who could afford to study at universities farther away, were getting the better paying jobs.

Wealthier kids are getting the best chances," Rick Audas. research associate at Newcastle University and co-author of the study, said yesterday.

The study, of 13,000 graduates across the country, showed that young people who left home to study at university earn on average £3,000 more and were more likely to have a iob with better prospects. Nearly double the number, 70

per cent, of students who went away to university ended up living in a different area to their parents, compared with 40 per cent of students who stayed at home while they were studying. Lack of confidence and a lim-

Social Affairs Correspondent

dents who lived at home while they were studying did not have the same opportunities or the desire to move to another area to get the most suitable job

People who stay at home tend to be much more inwardlooking," Mr Audas said. "They set self-imposed boundaries. The region is their limit.

once they had graduated.

"Going away to university is way for individuals to assert independence from their parents and is part of growing up and maturing. When these young people reach 21, they have had experiences which make them much more confident about the labour market. This confidence makes them more employable."

The introduction of university fees last year and the increasing costs for students have meant more young people are being forced to live at home and attend local university. Official figures for this academic vear show one in five of the 330,000 students lives at home.

"Students who are less inclined to move after graduating ited outlook meant that stuare not seeking out the best-

paid and most suitable jobs, which is damaging for the economy," said Mr Audas.

He believes a mobile labour force is fundamental to a healthy economy because the most skilled candidates look for the best positions, leading to increased productivity, lower staff

turnover and higher wages. Richard Gray, 21, lived at home while he took a secondclass bonours biochemistry degree at the University of Edinburgh, but was unable to find work in his chosen field near home. He did not want to move away from family and friends and so he took a £100a-week job as a shelf stacker in an Edinburgh supermarket nine months ago. "A supermarket is not my first choice but it is the only place I have been able to get a job here," Mr Gray said. "I am prepared to wait for a chemistry-based job

to come up here." He has been offered degreerelated jobs in the south of England, and a £20,000 research post in Manchester. "All my memories are tied up with Edinburgh," he said. "I feel my future lies here too. Money and a prestigious title do not matter to me. Why should I move?"

Blacks' job hopes improve

THE DISADVANTAGES faced BY DIANE COYLE by members of ethnic minorities in the jobs market could be on the decline, according to new

economic research. The optimistic conclusion of the latest study on the subject is that differences in job status among employees up to the age of 45 reflect almost entirely differences in their qualifications rather than their ethnic origins. This contrasts with the experience of older employees. for whom being non-white is one of the main explanations for fail-

Economics Editor

Occupational inequality in Britain has increasingly become a matter of what you are rather than who you are. That is as it should be," said Vani Borooah, author of the report. presenting his results at the annual conference of the Royal Economic Society yesterday.

Dr Borooah's research addressed two questions. One is how far lack of success is due to poor qualifications and other due simply to ethnic origin. The other is whether the pattern is

Both region and qualifications turned out to be important influences on career paths. In particular, living in London meant less disadvantage due to ethnic origin. Holding a degree also conferred a benefit.

Dr Borooah, a lecturer at the University of Ulster, concluded: "Younger blacks and Indians in full-time employment faced less disadvantage, relative to similarly qualified whites, than

Libraries saved after outcry

LIBRARIES HAVE won a reprieve from closure after the threat of court action and a massive public outcry.

Last month, Chris Smith, the Secretary of State for Culture, wrote to 15 local councils demanding they improve their which were considering closing a comprehensive and efficient li-

libraries or drastically reducing opening hours, that they could face a full investigation.

It is the first time since the 1964 Libraries and Museums Act, which states that local aulibrary services. He warned six, thorities have a duty to provide

of State has intervened to prevent councils from cutting their public library services.

His intervention has led to a U-turn in several councils' plans. Barnsley, which was considering closing all 23 of its branch libraries, said yesterday it had closed three and had replaced them with a mobile service.

A spokeswoman for Surrey County Council, which was said to have been planning to close 25 smaller branch libraries, said that none would now close, and Brent, Lambeth, Islington and Haringey councils, all in London, have dropped or delayed their plans for reducing ibrary spending. However, Camden council

is pressing ahead with plans to close three libraries, despite a public outcry and a campaign by London writers and celebrities. Joan Bakewell, Deborah Moggach, Ben Elton and Harry Enfield are among those who have complained about the plans to close Kilburn, Belsize Park and Chalk Farm libraries.

brary service, that a Secretary livered to the Government later today and which, they hope, will lead to a formal inquiry forcing the council to find money to keep libraries open for longer hours, with a supply of new books and a request service.

Yesterday regular users at Kilburn Library said its loss would be a huge blow. Marilyn Grant, a grandmother and childminder, who was visiting the library with four children, said libraries were a useful educational tool for children. "They can play here and learn to respect books. If this closes and they have to go further afield. their parents may not have the time to take them and they won't be able to go on their own so they will lose out," she said.

Varsha Vyse, who goes to the library twice a week, said: "If this closes I will go to another library but it is not so convenient because I can walk here which is great with two small children. I will go far less often - perhaps only once every few weeks."

A Camden council spokesman said the plan to close the They have backed a formal libraries was part of a campaign complaint that is due to be deto improve local services.



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Alligator spotted in Midlands lake

Midlands beauty spot was closed yesterday after anglers reported seeing an alligator devouring pike.

The creature was spotted early yesterday and late on Tuesday at the Swan Pool at Sandwell Valley Country Park, West Bromwich, according to

Sandwell Borough Council. A council spokesman said that six reported sightings of an animal "matching the description of a crocodile or alligator had been received. The spokesman said: "People have claimed to have seen it devouring pike and some fish

have been spotted with lumps bitten out of them." Officers from the authority's education and community service department cordoned off the pool, which is used exten-

A WATERSPORTS lake at a West BY MATTHEW COOPER

other watersports. All activities at the lake have been cancelled while experts from the RSPCA and a Birmingham-based reptile rescue charity investigate the sightings. Geoff Lewis, Sandwell Bor-

ough Council's leisure service committee chairman, said: "It is hard to imagine the mentality of people who would put something like this into a pub-We are doing everything

within our power to protect public safety while we check out these reported sightings. "Our main concern is that youngsters are on holiday and

with forecasts of good weather for the weekend we can't afford to do anything other than treat this with the utmost serioussively for fishing, sailing and ness," he said.

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Today, two million will be better paid

THE FIRST national minimum BY BARRIE CLEMENT wage in British history will be Labour Editor introduced today amid demands that it should be raised by more than 25 per cent.

ganisation to pay employees aged 22 and over less than £3.60 an hour, but the country's biggest union and the Labour Party's largest single financial backer are calling for a minimum wage of £5.

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The Trade and Industry minthe law as a "massive step forward" for the low-paid. "It will be a real plus for two million people. Another plus is that so McCartney knows that was not always the case. He was sacked on the spot from his job as a minimum. He said the 60 pence young chef at a hotel near Glas- an hour amounted to £24 a gow when he asked for an extra £1 on his £7.35-a-week wage.

Some unions are still unhappy, however. A motion tabled for the annual conference of Unison, the public service union with 1.4 million members, says the new statutory wage "makes a mockery" of the principle of a national minimum wage and that the rate would "perpetuate pover-ty". A proposition tabled by Unison's national executive insists the rate should be struck at half male median earnings, which it rounds up to £5.

The union's executive also declares its opposition to "discriminatory" rates for young people. A rate of £3 applies to those aged 18 to 21 and the law does not apply to under-18s.

Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary of Unison, said his organisation would be pressing ahead with a "Living Wage" rally in Newcastle on 10 year, IDS reports. April in protest at the £3.60 floor. He said the law would not cure the "blight" of low pay.

The GMB general union ers were ignoring the differential pay rate for young people. east over the next two to three

Both McDonald's and Burger King, which have come under It is now be illegal for any or-fire for allegedly exploiting youngsters, are paying the full adult rate to all employees.

The Labour Research Department has found few large firms that will be pay younger staff less. Forte, the hotel group, is an exception, paying £3.30 for employees aged 18 to ister Ian McCartney described 21. Poundstretcher, the discount store, confirms that the under-22s will receive less than £3.60, the department said.

Stuart Chilton, spokesperson many employers support it". Mr for the GMB young members' section, welcomed McDonald's decision to disregard the lower week and was "vital" to the budgets of young staff. The Low Pay Commission, which had advised the Government on the rate, had been wrong to en-

courage "age discrimination". Official figures show that more than two million workers are likely to have pay increases because of the new law, but many employers have uprated wage rates well ahead of today.

Pub chains, charities, cinemas and manufacturing firms are among employers that have increased pay to comply with the legislation, according to Income Data Services (IDS) in a report published yesterday.

The research group believes there is little evidence that the wage requirement will hit employment. Jobs in the service sector, seen as most vulnerable. continue to increase, with 100,000 new positions in hotels and restaurants in the past

The findings conflict with the results of research conducted by Business Strategies, which predict that the minipointed out that most employ- mum wage would cost more than 10,000 jobs in the South-



Marion Holden, of the Sea & Horses guesthouse: "Tourism is down, so I can't raise my room rates' Paul Armiger

years. The study asserts that where employers are not already paying the minimum wage, its implementation and "knock-on" effects would force firms to reduce profits or increase prices. Either option

would eventually lead to the

employment of fewer people.

Hard times in low-wage region

EYEBROWS WERE raised at By MATTHEW BRACE the Jobcentre in Redruth, Cornwall, yesterday. The positions advertised were all at or above £3.60 an hour, a rarity for Britain's lowest-paid county.

They were accompanied by a notice saying that from today only jobs paying the new minimum wage would be posted. Cornwall's jobless have been used to hourly rates as low as £2. One man on the Govern-

ment's New Deal programme was too scared to give his name in case potential employers saw his comments and changed their minds about hiring him. "Work has become so precious down here that no one is willing to risk anything. You have to be a lapdog, you have to do exactly what people tell you or you lose out on the smallest of job opportunities."

The local jobless rate is about 7 per cent, well above the national average. A report by the business analysts Dun and Bradstreet found the number of businesses failing in the Southwest within the first three months increased in the past year from 973 to 1,365. Another 99 people joined the St Austell dole queue when a factory making shirts for Marks & Spencer laid them off. And if further proof were needed, the county has just been granted "Objective One" status, classi-

fying it as one of the poorest areas in the European Union. Nigel Costly, regional secretary of the South-west TUC, said: "There have been some

shocking rates of pay. Some retail workers are still being paid £1 an hour, picking cauliflowers only pays about £1.40, and we found a nightshift worker getting £15 for a seven-hour shift." Stephanie, 24, who has two

children, is living on the breadline. "I earn £2 an hour cleaning families' houses. The minimum wage means nothing to me - these families say they'll only put my money up to £2.25. They can always get someone else in for even less."

Louise Southwell, 26, a graduate, is struggling to pay off a £10,000 college debt on a salary of £8,500. "The minimum wage is long overdue but I think there could be a lot of pressure on people from employers to keep quiet or lose their jobs,"

Times are also tough for employers. Marion Holden, landlady of a Penzance guesthouse, said: "Tm not against the minimum wage in principle, but it is very hard for the employer. Tourism is down, everyone is going abroad, so I can't offset that cost by raising my room rates.

NHS facing £40m payout to women

HUNDREDS OF thousands of women workers stand to benefit from a landmark case in which female health staff have been awarded compensation for being denied access to a bonus scheme.

The case, involving Hartlepool and East Durham NHS Trust, will put pressure on employers to ensure that women who undertake work of equal value to men should also have access to extra payments.

Officials at the GMB general union believe the settlement covering 200 domestic and catering staff could lead to some 50,000 health service workers receiving lump sums and wage rises costing the NHS up to £40m.

But the case will have implications for the whole of British industry where jobs occupied predominantly by women are routinely excluded from bonus arrangements.

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the trust will receive compenrises of up to 11 per cent as part of an out-of-court settlement.

The women established they were doing jobs of equal value to their predominantly male col-



Emily Waller: 'No-win situation for management'

leagues who work as porters, but that they were earning up to 11 per cent less because they were not paid bonuses.

Brian Strutton of the GMB said the case had national implications, and the union would be working to close pay gaps in other trusts. "Where we can, we will negotiate to secure equal pay," he said. "Where we cannot bargain for equality we will have no hesitation in pursuing More than 200 women at other tribunal claims." Other cases are in the pipeline insation of up to £3,000 and pay volving NHS trusts at Glasgow, Newcastle upon Tyne, Doncaster, Leeds and Airedale.

Derek Cattell, the GMB officer who negotiated the agreement, described it as historic.

Cinderella army of NHS workers who are largely ignored and have been consistently discriminated against by the management of the health service."

One of the beneficiaries of the agreement, Emily Waller, a chef at Hartlepool General Hos-pital, said: "We argued that our work is of equal value so we should get the [bonus] money as well. At first the management said no, but they realised they were in a no-win situation so they started to make offers. They were stunned when they realised how much it was going to cost them. Hopefully this will now open the floodgates for workers in other NHS trusts."

Mrs Waller, 56, who earns £5 an hour, estimated that workers would receive pay rises of between £9 and £18 a week, which could add as much as £400,000 to the trust's pay bill.

lan Palfreeman, head of human resources at the Hartlepool and East Durham trust. said the deal, which comes into force today, would be selffinancing through increased productivity and no money would be diverted from patient care. The trust was committed to equal opportunities and was happy to conclude the deal.

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Changes in care may end 'postcode lottery'

are likely to be among the first Health Editor beneficiaries of a series of changes to the NHS.

GP fundholding and the beginning of a huge transfer of power and resources from bospitals to crease quality in the NHS.

The most important of these is the National Institute of Chnical Excellence (Nice), a national agency introduced to appraise new treatments and ensure those that are valuable are spread around the NHS. Taxol, the drug for advanced ovarian cancer that has been the focus of allegations of "post-code prescribing", is expected to be one of the first to be con-

sidered by the agency. Ministers have said they expect Nice to give "a big nod" to Taxol, which some health the Secretary of State for

WOMEN WITH ovarian cancer By JEREMY LAURANCE

authorities have refused to Yesterday marked the end of supply because of its £6,000-ayear cost per patient. The drug has been shown in trials to extend survival by 12 family doctors, backed by a se-months. Patients in neighries of measures designed to in- bouring streets but differing health authorities have found while one has got it free on the NHS, the other has had to pay for it, exposing local inequalities in provision.

Nice, which is a expected to issue its first guidance in the autumn, will look at the cost as well as the effectiveness of new treatments and surgical techniques and is seen by doctors as a tool for rationing NHS care. Ann Widdecombe, shadow Health Secretary, said its principal aim would be to confrol costs. But Frank Dobson,

Health, said that for the first time, doctors in the NHS would be given authoritative advice on the best treatments.

"It will bring an end to a situation where adjacent health authorities look at different evidence in different ways and come to different conclusions," Mr Dobson said.

Quality of care will also be monitored by the new Commission for Health Improvement, an NHS inspectorate that will ensure hospitals are implementing a system of "clinical governance" - checking standards of care and identifying poor doctors.

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The biggest change, however, is the abolition of GP fundholding and its replacement by 481 "primary care groups" -local groups of GPs and nurses - who will have responsibility for spending 90 per cent of the NHS's resources.

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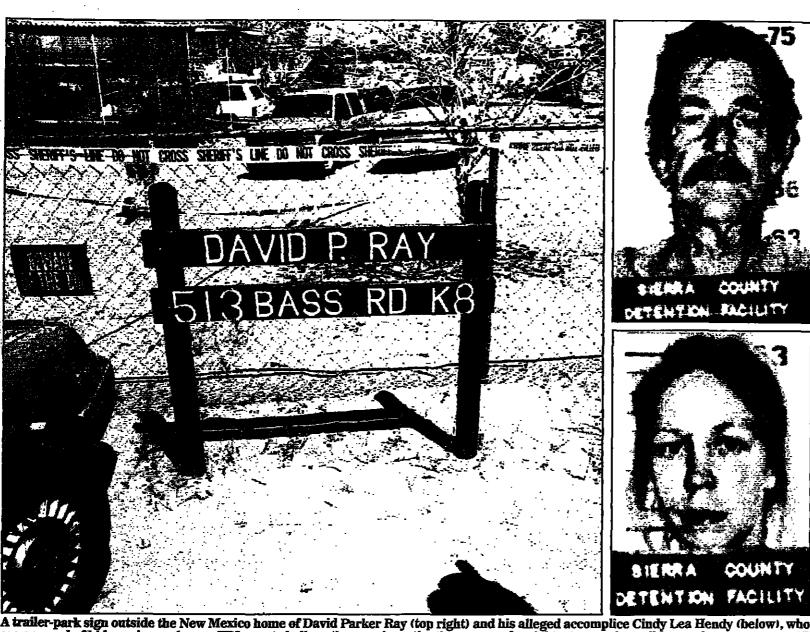


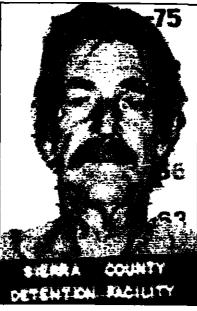
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are accused of kidnapping and rape. FBI agents believe they are investigating a case of serial torture and possibly murder

Police hunt for bodies in US sex-torture case

A NAKED young woman ran for BY ANDREW GUMBEL her life down a lonely road in New Mexico with a padlocked collar around her neck. She told We literally have 100 leads police she had been abducted tured with bizarre electrical three days and subjected to sexual humiliation and rape.

Yesterday, nearly 100 FBI egents were at work in three different states uncovering what they believe is a case of serial torture, and possibly murder, on er Ray and his girlfriend Cindy Lea Hendy, who are in custody pending bail of \$1m each, have heen interrogated by police in- criminal sexual penetration vestigators and no fewer than and conspiracy, but this week tiree behavioural experts in an efort to discover the extent of

their alleged crimes. "It has national implications. in Los Angeles

and 1,000 pieces of evidence. ficials have been reluctant to reby a couple in a trailer park, tor- This investigation is expanded throughout the country," the diand medical instruments for rector of the New Mexico Department of Public Safety, Darren White, told a news briefing in the small tourist phant Butte, the small comtown of Truth or Consequences, now the nerve centre of the police operation.

Mr Ray, a 59-year-old menanic with the state parks department, and Ms Hendy, 39, were originally held on 12 charges including kidnapping, state prosecutors laid another 25 charges, relating to an attack on at least one other woman.

FBI and local police are

in Phoenix and Tucson in Arizona, El Paso and Victoria in Texas, and Juarez, Mexico, Oflease details of the wider investigation for fear of jeopardising the case.

The woman aged 22 who ran naked down the road in Ele-Consequences where the suspects lived, was found with head with an ice-pick. cuts, bruises and bumps on her head, welts on her back and

According to the criminal complaint, the woman was lured inside the camper van of Mr Ray and Ms Hendy after an introduction by a mutual acquaintance. Mr Ray flashed a badge at her and said she was She was then handcuffed dri- February. She had visited the ven back to the couple's trailer and bound to a bed. She was only to be stripped, bound and tied up, hung from the ceiling. whipped given electric shocks via electrodes attached to her breasts, threatened with a revolver, raped and molested with sexual and medical objects.

She told police she escaped munity near Truth or on the third day of her ordeal by striking Ms Hendy in the

The police quickly swooped small puncture wounds on her and Ms Hendy, and found an assortment of torture devices as well as videos, which they said depicted the couple committing various crimes. They did not elaborate.

Earlier this week, a second woman came forward, saving crimes because they gave her she had been subjected to sim-

seeking to link them to crimes under arrest for prostitution. ilar torture over five days in trailer to pick up some cake mix assaulted. She managed to negotiate her own release.

The case has stunned the local community, a quiet mountain region 150 miles south of Albuquerque. Over the weekend, there was talk of bones buried beneath the suspect couple's trailer but these turned out to be animal not

human, remains. mour that a dozen bodies had been dredged out of Elephant Butte lake.

Friends of the couple have suggested they mutilated or killed up to six people. One said Ms Hendy went along with the an "adrenalin rush".

Couple gives up test-tube twin

IN THE LATEST twist to an BY DAVID USBORNE astonishing test-tube baby casea New York woman who gave birth three months ago to twin loys of different colours one white one black - has agreed to give up the black child because she is not his biological moher.

"We are giving him up because we love him," said Donna Fasano 37, in a statement issued fbrough her lawyer.

Generically, the boy is the child of Deborah Perry-Rogers and Robert Rogers, who are Fasano gave birth to the Rogers' child because of alleged

in New York

tility clinic. The drama began on 24 April last year at the clinic of Dr Lillian Nash, when both Ms Fasano and Ms Perry-Rogers checked in for embryo implantations. What followed might be seen as a parable for what can go wrong when man interferes in the natural course of human reproduction.

As best as can be determined - the case is currently under investigation by the state black and share his DNA. Ms of New York - there was a mixup in embryos. Eggs had previously been extracted from mistakes at a Manhattan fer- both women. They were then

respective husbands in preparation for implantation in the uterus. The procedure is fairly common for couples having trouble with conceiving.

Somehow the eggs implanted in Ms Fasano included some of her own and some from the Perry-Rogers batch. Ms Perry-Rogers did not become pregnant after the procedure. But an amniocentesis examination of Ms Fasano some weeks later revealed the unexpected problem: she was carrying twins. they seemed healthy, but their

genetics were entirely different. The Fasanos knew nothing of their black baby's real par-

fertilised in vitro by their ents and after the delivery last be able to go to their doctors December, proceeded to raise both boys as their own.

Both of these boys are beautiful," said Ivan Tantleff. Ms Fasano's lawyer. "They sit in the swing together. They sit in the tub together."

It was only two weeks ago. when the Rogers filed a lawsuit against Dr Nash and her clinic. that the identity of the child's genetic parents became known.

The decision to surrender the boy has been wrenching for Ms Fasano, who this week has been attempting to evade media attentions. "This wasn't my doing," she said. "People with infertility problems should

and trust them to do the right thing. To them it may be a job; to me it's mv life."

Though there is heartbreak all around, what has happened has also been a miracle. The Rogers were still unable to reproduce even with the clinic's help. Thanks to human error and thanks to the unwitting help of Ms Fasano - they will now

have a child. Lawvers said that the black couple harboured no ill-feelings toward Ms Fasano and said they expected visiting rights to be arranged so that the twins will be able to maintain contact

IN BRIEF

Members finally ratify EU treaty THE AMSTERDAM Treaty, the European Union's new constitution, has finally been ratified by all 15 EU countries and will come into force on 1 May. It has taken more than a year for all EU national parliaments to ratify the new treaty, which amends the 1957 founding treaty of

Rome by lifting internal border controls. Lift-off for Berlin's new airport

PLANS FOR a new airport in Berlin won government approval yesterday. Germany plans to shut two of Berlin's airports - Tegel and Tempelhof - and consolidate air traffic into a single hub at Schoenefeld, which it will expand at a cost of 7 billion marks (£2.4bn).

Villagers stone couple to death MURDER CHARGES have been filed against 15 villagers accused of stabbing and stoning to death a young couple in the northern Indian state of Haryana. The couple had run away together and refused to disavow their ties. They

were killed on Tuesday and their hodies cremated.

powerful criminal kingpins. The killers escaped.

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Five massacred in gang war THREE masked killers shot five men lunching in a Warsaw restaurant yesterday in what police called the city's worst gang war mass murder. The victims included

Election of trade head postponed ENVOYS TO the World Trade Organisation suspended the election of a new director-general until next week. Envoys were told there were "serious difficulties" in securing the post for either of the two main candidates.

Barak inches ahead in battle with Netanyahu

By ERIC SILVER in Jerusalem

ISRAEL GOES to the polls on May 17 with a record six candidates for prime minister and 33 parties - including Greens, Pensioners and "Pnina Rosenblum", a women's rights party led by a former beauty queen of that name - fighting for 120 Knesset seats.

When nominations closed at midnight on Tuesday, the prime ministerial challengers included a first Arab contender, Azmi Bishara, who is an iconoclastic philosophy professor and staunch Palestinian nationalist and Yosef Bagad, an eccentric, chauvinist rabbi, neither of whom has any chance. Of the four credible candidates, opinion polls suggest neither Yitzhak Mordechai, of the new Centre Party, nor the far right's Benny Begin will win more than 20 per cent of the vote.



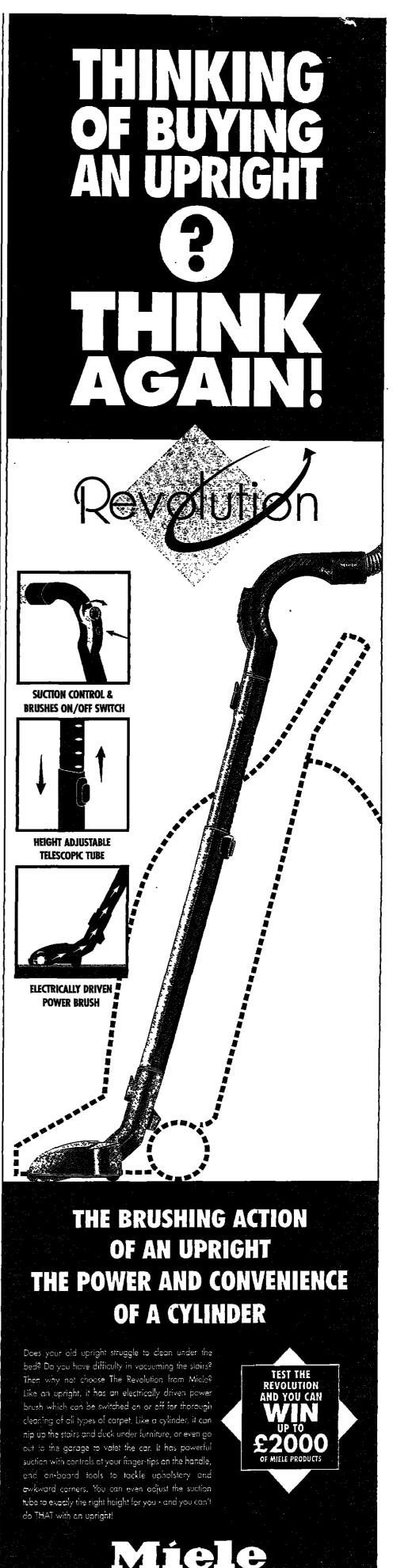


Ehud Barak (left) is the strong Labour challenger to Benjamin Netanyahu, the Likud Prime Minister

It looks likely to be a contest between the Likud incumbent. Benjamin Netanyahu, and the Labour challenger, Ehud Barak though they may have to go to a second round on June 1 if neither tops 50 per cent first

Mr Netanyahu's campaign has failed to lift off. His party is short of money. A week after Mr Barak launched his bid, the Likud has not yet held an opening rally.

The party's prospects do not look good. The latest polls Polls point to a tight finish. give Likud 20 seats, compared with Mr Barak inching ahead. with the 32 won in 1996.



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Inuit manage their new free-

doms in circumstances that

will be far from forgiving.

Nunavut is not just cold, its Inuit

population struggles with some

of the harshest socio-economic

that arouses admiring aston-

ishment. The creation of

Nunavut comes after 15 years

of talks and not one act of vio-

lence. Quebec's struggles with

Anglophone Canada have

lasted longer, yielding little fruit

is kindling excitement in the aries was on this day 50 years brought low by social problems

The last time Canada saw

and much aggravation.

It is change, moreover, that such a redrawing of its bound-

Already, it is a transition

problems in Canada.

BY DAVID USBORNE

THINK YOU know your North

American geography? This morning, you may have some

catching up to do. At midnight

last night, a new territory was

born in Canada's northern-

most reaches. It is called

Nunavut and it is very large -

about the size of Western

Europe or ten times bigger

But there are only 27,000

souls in this vast land of rocky

outcrops and frozen tundra

that stretches from Baffin

Island in the Atlantic to Melville

Island in the Beaufort Sea. Its

28 settlements, including the

capital. Igaluit, overlooking

Frobisher Bay, all have to be

reached by air - beyond them

there are only 12 miles of road.

icant for reasons other than

size. Its creation is a bold

experiment in returning both a

dignity to an aboriginal race

that for generations has seen

little of either. Four out of five

of its residents are Inuit, for-

merly known as Eskimos.

While still inside the Canadian

federal system, the territory.

from today, will have a parlia-

ment and its own government.

Hence its name. In the Inuit lan-

guage, Inuktitut, Nunavut

means "Our Land".

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Nunavut, however, is signif-

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where two separate viruses have created panic in a country still recovering from the effects of the Asian economic crisis. Earlier this week Malaysian cabinet ministers

THE SLAUGHTER of more than By RICHARD LLOYD PARRY

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Carved out from the eastern

half of the already-existing

Northwest Territories, Nunavut

is essentially a gesture of com-

pensation to the Inuit for the

vears of interference from the

white man. For centuries, the

Inuit, who migrated east from

Alaska about 1,000 years ago,

were able to continue their com-

pletely nomadic life, hunting

and living in tents and igloos.

From the Fifties, however, the

Canadian government forced

the Inuit into permanent set-

tlements and obliged their chil-

dren to attend Christian

schools. Many were taken away

What is left is a race

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otage Malaysia's economy. The government has disthe past 12 days, shooting has gassing to speed the process.

Moreover, scope for economic

improvement is narrow. Op-

tions include eco-tourism and

possible deals for seal-fur

The deaths are believed to patched soldiers and police in have been caused by Japanese plastic body suits to extermi-nate 1.3 million pigs to prevent of the Hendra virus. Enencephalitis, and a new strain the viruses spreading. But in cephalitis is harboured by pigs. and passed on to humans via the Culex mosquito. But blood

consider electrocution or have shown infection by the ed the country's \$400m (£240m) be transmitted through direct contact with the blood, urine or

enough people to teach it.

Celebrations were expected

The principal concern of the ditional throat singing and Cari-wary of raising expectations too

to last all day in Iqaluit, with tra-

faeces of infected swine. Victims of both viruses suffer aches and high fever, leading, when untreated, to coma, brain inflammation and death. The outbreak has devastat-

Hendra virus, which is said to pork industry, which employs 300,000 people.

tanning salons, a sports club

and a weekly newspaper.

The situation is complicated by the ambiguous position that pigs occupy in Malaysia. The industry is dominated by ethnic Chinese, who eat a lot of pork. But to Muslim Malays, the majority, the pig is an unclean an-

sometimes censored from films

Mr Ernerk worries that the

Inuit are going through

changes at a pace that is hard

to handle. "We've come from

the igloo to the high-rise in a

and television. Some Muslims have refused to have injections against encephalitis, believing that the vaccine contains pig-derived products. Muslim scholars have tried to reassure them that the vaccinations are acceptable.

Bloody end to **Uzbek** hijack

BY TIMOFEI ZHUKOV in Tashkent

POLICE IN Uzbekistan stormed a hijacked bus yesterday in an operation that killed two hostages, four police officers and three armed hijackers, officials said.

There were at least 24 passengers aboard the bus, which was travelling from the city of Khoresm in the south of the country to the capital, Tashkent, when five unidentified gunmen seized it on Tues- : day night. The gunmen then contacted the authorities and demanded the release of fellow, militants, who had been charged over a spate of car bombings outside government buildings in Tashkent last month that killed 15 people.

Special security troops stopped the bus near the town of Sarimoi-Chu yesterday and tried to seize the hijackers. Two passengers were killed, as were three security troops, one traffic policeman and three of the gunmen, a statement by the prosecutor-general said. One gummen was arrested but the statement did not give the whereabouts of the fifth.

The Uzbek President, Islam Karimov, blamed last month's bombings on Islamic extremists. Police have arrested a dozen suspects in Uzbekistan and two other former Soviet republics, Ukraine and Kazakhstan. Mr Karimov is, like most Uzbeks, a Muslim. However, his insistence on keeping the country secular has put him at odds with fundamentalist

Islamic groups.

The bus hijacking came hours after a police clash on Tuesday with a group of gunmen suspected of involvement in the bombings.

A resident of an apartment building in Tashkent told police about a group of men living in the block who resembled police sketches of the suspected bombers. When police visited the flat in question, its occupants opened fire, badly wounding an officer. Three gunmen were killed in the ensuing gun battle, and another three, police said, blew themselves up using their own explosives. (AP)

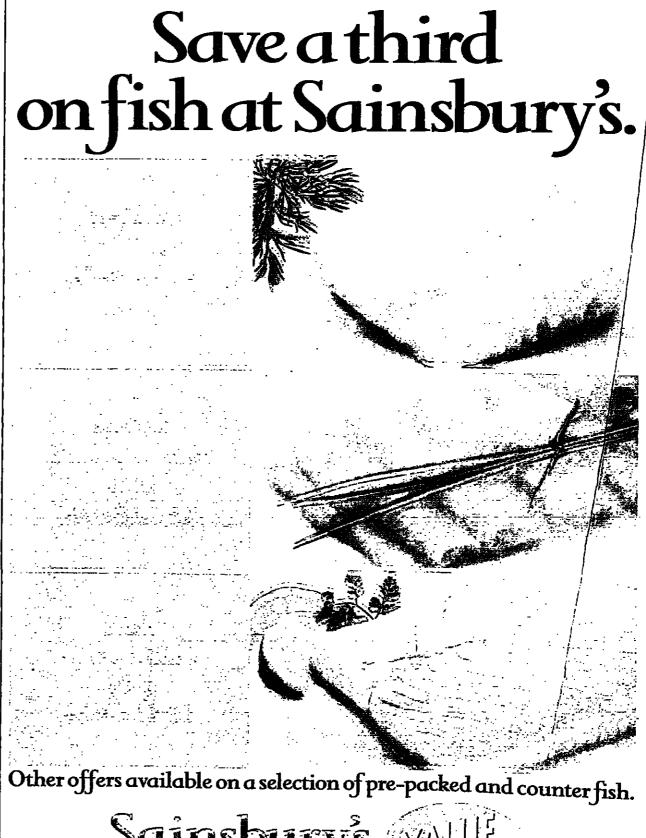


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THE INDEPENDENT



Father takes court to scene of Ward murder

STANDING IN Sand River By LUCY HANNAN Camp where his daughter, Julie, was last seen alive, John Ward exercised characteristic restraint as he described where she pitched her tent by a bend in the river more than 10 years

Mr Ward led the group of lawyers and secretaries, and the Land Rover carrying the judge and the court clerk, down to the river bank - "watch out for snakes" - then gave his evidence with little prompting.

He is an expert witness in so mmv wavs - a father, a membe of the search party, a collector of evidence, a special investigator - so that often he locks and sounds as if he were events.

in Sand River, Masai Mara

seen as a weakness by the defence, and a strength by the Later, when pointing out the

site where Julie's partially burnt remains were found - the lower leg, a jaw bone and a lock of hair - the amount of control required proves more difficult. He glares at the man accused of killing his daughter, Simon Makalla, former chief warden at the Masai Mara game park. There is a lot he wants to say, but the prosecution is limited to pointing out the sites and distances rather than narrating

to the court in Nairobi how he found the remains on 13 September 1988 in a remote, bushy area - "I was taken a few paces to where a lower left leg was lying in the grass, badly burnt. The sole showed no sign of burning, the top of the leg had been separated from the upper

He used a bottle to demonstrate the injuries. His normally authoritative voice wavered, he gripped the side of the witness box and fought rare tears. "I was in shock, it was a horror scene I had witnessed, and at first I could form no impression of the events. Shortly after, I did."

Convening the High Court at the site of a murder is "very unsimply dictating a well-told But before leaving for the usual, concedes Salim Dhanji, diously adhered to though the defence treating the accusation story. His many roles are Masai Mara, Mr Ward described for the prosecution, but he in-wigs and robes are left behind as a collective insult.

sists it is necessary for the in favour of safari suits and judge and the assessors - who have a role similar to a jury to appreciate the vast dis-

The improbability of Mr Makallah finding Julie Ward's remains so quickly and so accurately in rough and remote terrain is the basis of a prosecution case that depends on circumstantial evidence.

"My lord, can we keep our hats on?" asks the prosecution lawyer in the searing heat, as the court gathers awkwardly around the judge on a precipitous gully, where Julie's Suzuki vehicle was found.

Vultures above complete the scene - but protocol is stu-

straw trilbies.

Disabled from birth and reliant on crutches, Judge Aganyanya has made a huge effort to oblige. He was flown to the site in a military helicopter and holds court through the passenger window of a white government Land Rover at the various sites.

Simon Makallah - who writes copious notes - takes advantage of the trip to his home land, pacing out the gully crossings and consulting his lawyer. Pravin Bowry.

A Masai himself, the park was Mr Makallah's kingdom as chief warden. The Masai community has rallied to pay his

Religious strife wakes ghost of Nenek Luhu

FRONTLINE AMBON, INDONESIA

DRIVE UP the mountain above Ambon, and after half an hour you come to the village of Soya Atas where breezes take the edge off the heat, and where nothing seems less likely than the killing and terror in the town below. In Ambon, Christians and Muslims have burnt out one another's places of worship; but in Soya, the old cream-coloured church still sits peacefully in the square beneath its newly restored roof. Down below, people stay

afraid to work after dark. Up here though, children play in front of the neat, old wooden houses, and idle along the path up to the peak. But however tranquil it may appear now, Soya is on a frontline of its own - a place of supernatural, rather than physical, confrontation.

indoors and taxi drivers are

Ruben Rehatta, the raja of Soya, is reluctant to discuss it at first, but happy to talk about the history of this ancient area. Centuries ago, before the arrival of Europeans, the small island of Ambon was a kingdom and Soya was its heart. Political power has long leaked away – despite his grandiose title, Raja Rehatta is officially little more than just another village head. But spiritually, and despite the presence of Christianity, this is still the richest, most powerful and most dangerous part of the island, the home of Ambon's most famous and potent ghost, Nenek Luhu.

"Nenek Luhu," says the raja. "How do you know about Nenek Luhu?" I read him the brief passage from my guidebook and he chuckles at its inaccuracy. Long, long ago, he explains, Nenek was the seventh daughter of Soya's then raja, and the most beautiful maiden in the kingdom. Somebody fell in love with her - perhaps a young Dutch official of the colonial government.

Whoever he was, the affair was opposed by Nenek's father. As is the way in such tales, she died of a broken

woman - sometimes young and comely, sometimes old and grief-stricken - wandering the fringes of the village. And

people have disappeared. Max Manuputty, a civil servant in the Culture Ministry, says his father's grandmother met Nenek Luhu and conversed with her as they walked between two villages. Raja Rehatta admits that his own mother had the same experience. "She was looking up at the church, and she had hair like gold." During colonial times, a prominent Dutch official named Limburg Stirum

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was visiting from the capital, Batavia, and vanished during a stay in Soya. For three days, so the story goes, the population was mobilised in a desperate search. He was found, in an area that had been covered several times before, sunk into a deep trance. Only when the raja of that time gave him water from a sacred

well did he return to himself.

Ambonese children are taught to be careful in Soya, or face painful consequences. "You should never throw stones into the jungle," says the rais "and when you've finished washing you have to be careful where you pour the water." Forty years ago, one visitor from the town was stricken with a hideously swollen scrotum. It seems that he was taken short and relieved himself in the jungle - right on top of the tree where the spirit of Nene Luhu

was invisibly resting.

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seen the ghostly figure of a happened just last year when an anxious couple approached the raja. They were the parents of a little boy named Maxel who had disappeared. In increasing desperation, the mother had engaged the services of a medium. The man had entered a trance, and become possessed by the spirit and voice of a forceful old

> She said she became angry with Maxel after his playing disturbed her but he was safe and his parents could be reunited with him if they followed a precise set of instructions. The first step was to find a man named Ruben Rehatta, in Soya. They turned up and said, You don't know us, but we have a message from Nenek Luhu'," remembers Mr Rehatta. "Well I could hardly believe it. I was scared."

The three of them drove as instructed to the town's naval base. They entered it by a certain gate, and searched out an old wartime pilibox built by the Japanese. They carried with them a broom, tobacco and beteinut. Maxel's mother prayed. They entered the abandoned pillbox. There was no one there.

At exactly that moment, Maxel's aunt was in the bus terminal in town when she felt a tap on the arm. It was the little boy, confused about what had happened to him, but none the worse for the experience. "Except," recalls the raja, "whenever he took a poo, it smelled very bad."

That was more than a year ago. Nenek wasn't seen again until recently, after the religious killings began in the town and two Christian boys from a nearby village died in a fight with Muslims. That night the ghost was seen again, in the guise of an old, old woman, walking in the dark as if seeking something. "What are you doing out so late?" they asked her, not realising who it was. The woman turned to them and said: "I'm looking for my sons.'



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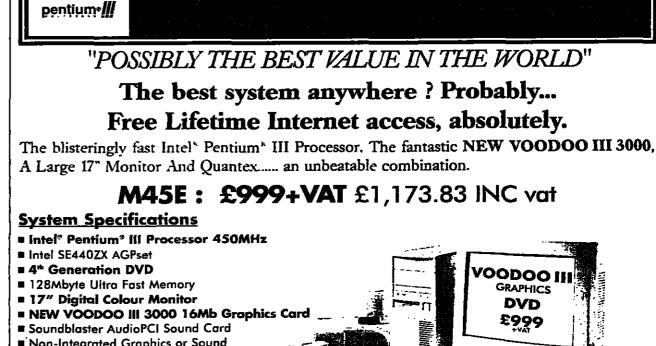


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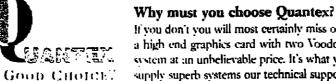
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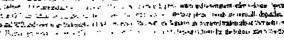


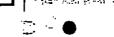
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Mitsubishi's UK staff await fate

UK employees of Mitsubishi Electric were left uncertain of their jobs yesterday when its Japanese parent said it was axing 14,500 jobs but gave no details. The televisions-toelevators group announced a three-year reform plan, including 8,000 job cuts in Japan and 6,000 abroad. Mitsubishi, facing its second year of losses, has been hit by the chip slump and Japanese and Asian economic woes.

Three weeks ago the group said it was closing its Apricot computer plant in Glenrothes, costing 200 jobs. Mitsubishi's advisers in the UK said they had not been told of the announcement by the parent company and declined to give any indication of the likely scale of job losses.

Lord Hollick gets £1.2m package



CLIVE HOLLICK, the chief executive of United News & Media (pictured), was last year awarded 77,710 shares worth £600,000 as part of the group's executive reward scheme.

The award was in ddition to Lord Hollick's annual salary of £667,626, according to the media group's annual report. However, the stock market value of his allocation of

shares had tumbled to £409,532 by the end of 1998.

BP Amoco set to unveil Arco bid BP AMOCO is today expected to unveil an agreed \$28bn (£17.2bn) bid for the US's eighth-largest oil company, Atlantic Richfield (Arco), after Arco's board meets to vote

on its all-share offer. Analysts say they expect the transaction to value Arco's shares at \$75 or more each, about 20 per cent above the price last week before the two companies confirmed they were in takeover talks. BP Amoco's board was reported to have approved the bid on Tuesday.

The combined BP Amoco-Arco would be the largest oil producer and refiner in the US. BP Amoco is the world's third-biggest traded oil company.

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Longbridge saved, but 2,000 Rover jobs axed

BY MICHAEL HARRISON AND BARRIE CLEMENT

ROVER IS to press ahead with a further 2,000 job cuts at Longbridge to bring the plant up to the productivity levels of its German parent BMW following yesterday's announcement of a record £150m aid package.

Large parts of the Longbridge plant will be razed to the ground under a £1.7bn investment programme that will involve the production of a new medium-sized car and an increase in productivity levels from the current 33 cars per man to between 45 and 50 cars - closing its 30 per cent efficiency gap with BMW's plants.

While the board of BMW. the parent company, will have to approve the deal, it is highly unlikely they will reject it.

The agreement was struck between Stephen Byers, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and Professor Joachim Milberg, chairman of BMW, who will be recommending the package to his fellow directors.

Rover has already announced 2,500 job losses, but it expects to achieve a further 2,000 on top of that. Of the additional redundancies, about 1,000 have already been identified. Together with the transfer of workers to other sites, the Longbridge workforce has fallen from 14,000 a year ago to The expansion of the plant to

build a new family-sized car to replace the Rover 200 and 400 series will result in a neardoubling of production to 500,000 cars a year. The investment will involve

the building of a new assembly

hall, paint shop and body-inwhite shop where the frame of the car is welded together. Rover is aiming to produce

about 350,000 units of the new car, codenamed the R30. In addition, Longbridge will produce up to 150,000 of the new Mini model from late next year under a separate £400m investment programme. It is also expected that man-

agement will be seeking further changes in working methods on top of the radical flexibility agreement already in place.

The new working practices already agreed aim at closing the productivity gap. Rover employees will work longer hours during busy periods and

Up to 150,000 a year of Rover's new Mini model, seen here being unveiled at the Frankfurt Motor Show last

year, will be produced off a new production line at a revamped and more efficient Longbridge plant

through prolonged breaks and Working time will be averaged over 12 months, and management agreed to reduce the average working week from 37 hours to 35. Salaries are to replace wages and overtime is

will then recoup the time

to be abolished. The package

borrows heavily on a one-off

deal agreed by the unions for and currency factors and the Rover's new Hams Hall engine plant near Longbridge. Rover's financial position

meant that root-and-branch changes were urgently needed. The company plunged much deeper into the red last year after sustaining huge restructuring costs. In 1998 Rover incurred a loss of £650m compared with a deficit of £91m the year before.

BMW said the decline in Rover's fortunes were caused by "model changes, market

restructuring measures".

Garel Rhys, director of Cardiff University business School, said the deal was "very good news indeed". He said: "It takes away the uncertainty and gives Rover and BMW what is in effect a new plant. Longbridge is going to be very much a streamlined facility. I just hope we are not throwing good money after bad. The company must begin to show that it can survive on its own."

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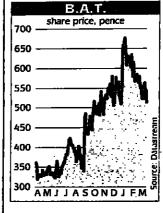
BAT shares fall after **US** court award

BY NIGEL COPE Associate City Editor

SHARES IN British American Tobacco, the world's second largest tobacco company, fell by almost 5 per cent yesterday following the decision by a US jury in Oregon to award a record \$81m in damages against its larger rival, Philip Morris.

BAT shares closed 24.5p lower at 516p as the UK market reacted to the US decision made late on Tuesday. It was also disclosed yesterday that the competition authority in Australia has raised objections to the group's proposed £5.2bn merger with Rothmans International. The deal would give the combined group 62 per cent of the Australian cigarette market and over 90 per cent of its premium cigarette

BAT, whose brands include Lucky Strike and State Express 555, said it was too early to judge the longer-term significance of the Oregon judgement, which concerned the death of 67-year-old former janitor who had smoked for 42 years. The company said it would wait to see if the ruling was overturned at appeal. "Until you see what happens at appeal you don't know if you are



Some analysts said the Oregon judgment could encourage more suits following a \$51m damages award in San Francisco in February. Jonathan Fell at Merrill Lynch said the litigation picture is "still developing." He added: "It is certainly worrying but I wouldn't say it is the end of the world."

Separately BAT said it had anticipated some regulatory problems as a result of its proposed merger with Rothmans. It expects to sell some brands in Australia to satisfy the authorities. However it expects to escape disposals in South Africa, where its share will be more than 90 per cent.

Other markets where objections are likely to be raised by the authorities include New FTSE 100 index. The traders in Zealand, while in Canada BAT is expected to sell the Rothmans business there to achieve Outlook, page 19 | clearance.

appoints £2bn sale advisers

BTR SIEBE, the merged automation and controls group. yesterday confirmed it had appointed investment bankers to review its portfolio of 500 businesses, setting the scene for the disposal of up to £2bn of assets. writes Michael Harrison.

The review by Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs is expected to result in the sale of its automotive components division and possibly its paper technology operations. BTR Siebe also said it is to pay

£34m for 48 per cent of the Japanese switches company Nippon Electric Industry, which will be merged with BRT Siebe's Japanese subsidiary

Sources close to BTR Siebe intending to seek approval this month to change its name to Invensys - said it would be "intelligent" to assume that divisions outside its core activities such as automotive components. would be sold. But the formal statement said: "Speculation regarding the businesses involved, potential values and the timing of any further announcement is premature."

The review, expected to take several months, will go on alongside a restructuring that will result in 5.000 job losses in the 125,000 workforce. leading to savings of £250m in three years. The value of the combined group has risen from £7.6bn at the time the deal was announced to

BTR Siebe | Morgan and ABN Amro fined £350,000 for misconduct

MORGAN STANLEY and ABN Amro have been hit with nearrecord fines after one of their customers tried to use them to manipulate share prices on the London Stock Exchange.

The LSE revealed yesterday it had fined the two a total of £350,000, following a series of infringements in autumn last year. In a statement, the LSE said that both Morgan Stanley and ABN Amro had been found guilty of an "act of misconduct" after acting on instructions from a client that included a request to manipulate the price of a particular London stock.

Morgan Stanley, which infringed the exchange's misconduct rules on just one occasion. received the lesser fine of £100,000. ABN Amro. found to have infringed the rules on sev-£250,000, the second-largest swings as hedge funds struggled

BY LEA PATERSON

public penalty in LSE history. The fines relate to a series of trades in a single UK stock carried out on behalf of a single US fund manager. Neither the fund manager - understood to be the subject of a wider investigation by the US Securities and Exchange Commission - nor the UK company affected by the dealings has been named.

An exchange spokesman declined to comment on whether the UK company was aware of the unorthodox dealings in its shares. There was widespread speculation in the markets yesterday that the US fund manager was a troubled hedge fund attempting to cover a derivatives position. In autumn last year many equities, bonds and cureral occasions, was fined rencies suffered highly volatile

for financial survival in the wake of the Russian debt default. Regulators were alerted to

the attempts at market manipulation in October after the LSE's electronic monitoring system found evidence of a number of unusual trading patterns. A routine investigation was launched, and ABN Amro - also understood to be involved in the SEC investigation - was found to be the source of the

unusual trades. In the course of its inquiry into ABN Amro, the exchange found Morgan Stanley had taken similar instructions from the same client on one occasion in early September. The LSE spokesman did not elaborate on the precise nature of the trades or whether the attempts at market manipulation had succeeded.

In January, after ABN Amro had been made aware of the reg-

ulatory investigation into its share dealings, it parted company with an equity trader, although the bank declined to confirm the events were linked.

ABN refused to add any detail to the LSE statement. "For legal reasons we cannot elaborate," said a spokesman. Morgan Stanley is understood to have taken a series of internal disciplinary steps fol-

lowing the launch of the regu-

latory inquiry, but is thought to have stopped short of dismissing the traders involved. The largest public fine handed down by the LSE was in December 1997 when US bank JP Morgan was ordered to pay £350,000 after two of its traders attempted to manipulate the

question were subsequently dismissed from the bank

Schrempp dashes hopes of BAe reconciliation

man of DaimlerChrysler, yesterday appeared to dash any hope of a rapprochement between its DaimlerChrysler Aerospace (Dasa) subsidiary and British Aerospace over their aborted merger talks. Our City Staff write. He said he did not now expect

to see the creation of the multi-Outlook, page 19 national European Aerospace limited co-operation on both £7bn deal. Nevertheless the ex-

JURGEN SCHREMPP, the chair- and Defence Company (EADC), sides of the Atlantic, he said. which Europe's governments have called for

> "I think this dream has come to an end," Mr Schrempp said at DaimlerChrysler's annual Instead, there could be in-

dustry co-operation on specific projects and the company would keep an open mind on

"As a transatlantic company we are looking at all possible options on this and the other side

of the Atlantic," he added. Dasa's chief, Manfred Bischoff, has already expressed his fury at BAe's decision in December to drop merger talks with Dasa in order to buy GEC's

Marconi defence arm first, in a

tent of Dasa's anger at being left out of the European industry's first big merger move has taken much of the industry by surprise, not least BAe, industry sources said.

Having been jilted at the altar by BAe, Dasa has been fast closing off routes to reopening the talks. However, Daimler-Chrysler's finance director, Manfred Gentz, yesterday hint-

ed at a possible rapprochement, saying that creating a pan-European aerospace and defence group was now only "much more difficult" in the short term since BAe had agreed to buy Marconi.

Mr Gentz also said that DaimlerChrysler was willing to talk to potential American partners as the aerospace industry consolidates.

AROUND THE WORLD'S MARKETS

LONDON

BLUE CHIPS moved ahead for the fifth successive session. Footsie rose 31.2 points to 6,295.3 in busy trading; at one point it was up 88.4.

Hopes of lower interest rates, an uneventful US display and end-ofquarter window dressing ensured a solid performance. The rush into PEPs and end-of-tax-year adjustments were other factors. BP Amoco was heavily traded ahead of the expected takeover of Atlantic Richfield. At least one US

investment house claimed the shares were overpriced.

NEW YORK

WORRIES about the outcome of the Kosovo campaign led investors to take profits ahead of the Easter holiday. A higher-than-expected figure for the Chicago Purchasing Managers' index also unsettled shares, prompting inflation fears, and at midday the Dow was 16 points lower at 9,897,52.

Philip Morris and RJR Nabisco eased after the legal verdict against Philip Morris. The Nasdao was 12 points higher, however, at 2,492.29, supported by demand for technology shares, with America Derek Pain, page 23 Online up \$5.75 at \$150.5.

TOKYO

PRICES RECOVERED from early declines, helped by continuing small inflows of foreign investment funds, but the Nikkei 225 still ended the last day of the financial year down 22.53 points at 15,836.59, and down 4.2 per cent over the year.

Most banks edged higher in late trading and construction shares rallied thanks to increased debt relief from bankers, which offset a gloomy outlook for earnings. Oil refinery shares were up on recent oil price rises, but telecoms were hit by profit-taking after earlier gains based on takeover hopes.

THE CAC-40 index rose 1.35 per cent to close just short of the 4,200 mark at 4,197.88, although France Telecom alone accounted for about half the gain, rising 5 per cent to 74.9 euros: this reflected short covering after recent underperformance and hopes of a spin-off from Olivetti's bid for Telecom Italia.

Banks improved, led by a gain of 3 per cent in Société Générale and a late rally in BNP, which ended 2.48 per cent up. Oils lost ground as the recent rise in Brent oil prices ran out of steam.

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Street and a strong performance from Fiat helped Italian shares close higher, with the Mibtel index closing 287 up at 25,002. Flat ended the day 0.14 euro or 4.79 per cent firmer at 3.06 euros after proposing to buy in shares in associated companies. Rumours of a link with Mitsubishi Motors also attracted interest. Banks shares mostly improved, led by Banco Sanpaolo which rose almost 5 per cent to 15.05 euros. After its new bid for Telecom Italia, Olivetti was unchanged at 2.90 euros.

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Kill or cure for BMW's English patient

EVERY DOG has its day and Rover's finally arrived yesterday. After huge helpings of brinkmanship and the ritual regional aid dance, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Stephen Byers, has agreed to cough up £150m of taxpayer's money for Longbridge.

The deal still has to be signed off by the BMW board in Munich and although it isn't the full £200m they were asking for, it is as much as they are going to get.

Threatening to take the investment to Hungary (much to the surprise and bemusement of the Hungarian government, incidentally) only provided so much leverage record may be lousy, but the idea, anyway, that Rover's customers would be more inclined to buy a car made in eastern Europe was always a high-risk assumption.

For BMW, the Longbridge option is hardly risk free. Even after the Government cash injection it will still require another £1.5bn from BMW to turn the plant into something resembling a modern car facility. This, remember on top of the £3bn that the Germans have already funnelled into the "English Patient" since 1994 only to be repaid with mount-



OUTLOOK

ing losses (£650m last year) and a market share which has dwindled so alarmingly that Rover now resemfor the Germans. Longbridge's bles a niche player but without any niche models.

But think of all those shiny new paint shops and welding robots that BMW will be buying not to mention the vast sums of German money that will be needed to retool suppliers so that they too can play their part in the Rover revival.

Whether this is a wise use of taxpayer's money is a tough call to make. In the scheme of things £150m is peanuts - we will probably soon have spent that much trying to bomb the Serbs into submission.

It is also important to recognise

that state aid can sometimes be the ment there was complete radio sinipulation or Morgan Stanley will get is more at risk from the behaviour cle if the remaining automotive comailing business around. Ford bought an expensive lemon in Jaguar in 1989 but £100m of taxpayers money is helping turn it back into a world beater with cars that people want to buy being made in Coventry and, soon,

But Longbridge is in the toughest sector of the market. The replacement for the Rover 200 and 400 will be up against the likes of the Volkswagen Golf, one of the best sellers of all time, and the Ford Focus, which has the world's most profitable

car maker behind it. We will not have too long to wait for the answer as to whether Rover can live with the best. The success, or failure, of the R75 executive car. due on the forecourts this summer, will tell BMW whether it has backed a loser again.

Exchange fines

THE DISCLOSURE by the London Stock Exchange that Morgan Stanley and ABN Amro have been fined £350,000 for "acts of misconduct" begs more questions than it answers. Beyond the bare announce-

seedcorn that is needed to turn an lence from all parties concerned save for a statement from Morgan Stanley that served merely to hinder understanding.

What we do know is that the fines resulted from Morgan Stanley and ABN Amro taking instructions from a US fund manager to move the price of a security. We also know that an ABN Amro trader was fired in January after the firm had been told of irregularities in trading by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

But beyond that, nobody is saying very much. We do not know the identity of either the US fund manager or the company whose shares were being traded. We do not know if it knows its shares were being traded. We do not know what the purpose was of seeking to move the price of the security or whether it was successful. Nor do we know whether the behaviour which led to the fines

caused anybody any loss. Finally, we do not know whether the trades in question took place off the market or through the Exchange's much-criticised Sets electronic share dealing system, which has been open to abuse in the past.

We do know, however, that we are not supposed to call it market ma-

very uppity. We also know that Morgan Stanley has chosen not to dismiss anybody which seems mighty strange given that the fines are the BTR Siebe second highest ever handed down by

the authorities. It appears that the catch-all clause in the Exchange's rule book covering acts of misconduct may have been been used because the attempts to move the price of the security involved (see above) ended in

It is worrying that London is hiding behind the cloak of the SEC's continuing investigations to defend its extraordinary lack of candour about

But it is reassuring at least to know that the Exchange's artificial intelligence systems picked up the trades involved and that the two member firms took their punishment like men - even though fines of £150,000 and £100,000 respectively are mere pin pricks for the likes of ABN and Morgan Stanley.

There are those who argue that over-zealous regulation of London's financial markets will deter business from coming here. But the lesson of this case, in as much as one can be divined, is that London's reputation

of its participants.

EVERYTHING MUST go in the great BTR Siebe sale of the century. First it was Ian Strachan, the luckless chief executive of BTR, who is whiling away his time in the non-role of deputy chairman until the two businesses are integrated and he can up sticks in the summer. Then it was the name itself. The once great Birmingham Tyre and Rubber Company and Siebe Gorman, which used to known as a manufacturer of diving equipment, will soon be no more and instead we will have Invensys. Now BTR Siebe is embarking on a clearout of its unwanted businesses with the help of Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs.

Since the portfolio contains more than 500 companies producing everything from industrial computer systems to the widgets that enable washing machines to offer 30 different spin cycles, there is plenty for the investment bankers to go at.

But you do not need to look far for the early candidates. Having already dispensed with the tyre and the rubber in BTR, it would be a miraponents business was still part of Invensys come the autumn.

A similar fate awaits its paper technology business which does not sit easily with the the group's core automation and controls businesses. How many more businesses will fail to live up to the new Invensys maxim of "innovation, inventiveness and systems solutions" remains to be seen. But it is hard to see some of the ragbag of businesses inherited from BTR like conveyor belt systems fitting the bill

What else is up for grabs is anybody's guess. But, for the time being at least, it does not look as if Invensys will also sell off its birthright and relocate to the other side of the Atlantic. That must be a tempting option. Its chief executive is American, as are 30 per cent of the shareholders and the US accounts for approaching half sales and production.

But for the now the attractions of the UK are greater. London is nicely positioned between the times zones of the east and west, Heathrow is the best airport in the world to get anywhere you want to go and being based in such a small geographic market as the UK forces companies

BNFL to cut 500 Sellafield jobs in two years

BRITISH NUCLEAR Fuels, the state-owned reprocessing company, is to cut 500 jobs at its Sel-lafield plant in Cumbria as part

of a cost-cutting programme. The jobs will go over two years and will include 220 workers who have already agreed voluntary terms. The rest of the jobs are expected to be cut through natural wastage, with no compulsory redundancies.

The cuts are part of a programme started in 1996 to reduce controllable costs at BNFL by 25 per cent by 2000. The plan should cut £200m from the cost base.

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said the cuts would not take place unless it was "safe to do so and operational performance can be maintained or improved".

The announcement comes as the Government considers the possible privatisation of BNFL in a move that could raise £3bn. The Government appointed accountants KPMG to advise on possible options for the company in September last

KPMG's report was submit-The 500 jobs will be cut from ted before Christmas and rected before Christmas and rec-BNFL employs around 16,000 proceed with the sale. The Govworkers in total. The company ernment said a decision was

expected in the next 12 months. BNFL has appointed its own advisers, Rothschilds, which have acted on many government privatisations in the past.

Ministers are thought to be keen on a float this year. However, it may be delayed because of the problems of preparing the business for sale and the need to ring-fence its liabilities. The Magnox generators, which BNFL took over from the Government 18 months ago, alone have liabilities of £18bn. Environmental groups have said privatisation could leave the taxpayer with a total bill of £30bn.

BNFL meets 8 per cent of the UK's electricity needs. It



has an order book worth £13bn. Sellafield: Cuts will come from the plant's 6,500 staff under a £200m cost-cut plan

Pearson chief's pay breaks £1m barrier

MARJORIE SCARDINO'S pay from £392,000 the year previpackage as chief executive of ously. Pearson rose 39 per cent to break the £1m barrier last year, according to the media group's annual

Ms Scardino's remuneration went up from £752,000 to 1997 to £3,975,000 last year. £1,043,000, which included a bonus for 1998 of £545,000.

Greg Dyke, the chairman and chief executive of Pearson Television, saw his package double from £371,000 to £768,000, due mostly to a bonus of £480,000.

David Veit, who retired after 25 years with Pearson, board, was paid £721,000, up

This included £331,000 as compensation for the early termination of his contract on 1 May 1998.

Total pay for the Pearson board rose from £2,510,000 in During the year, Pearson

sold assets worth flbn, including the Tussauds Group, making a profit on disposals of £215m. The group also bought Simon & Schuster for £2.2bn_

Operating profit rose from £328m to £389m, and the group increased its annual dividend including 17 years on the payout by 8 per cent to 21p per

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Premier clubs feel the pressure

News Analysis: Merchandise sales have slumped while transfer fees and players' wages have soared. Football clubs are at a crossroads

mier League football club, yesterday added to the gloom surrounding the sector when it revealed that a slump in merchandise sales had caused a steep fall in first-half profits.

Leeds Sporting, the owner of Leeds United, a rival team, provided another reminder of the financial strain engulfing many football clubs with a warning that players' transfer fees and wage lemands were growing at "imsustainable" levels.

The two companies' comments follow a similar downbeat statement by Manchester United, the UK's largest and richest club, and point to a widespread malaise among the providers of the country's favourite form of mass entertainment.

The clubs' woes come at a crucial time for the football industry, as the Government prepares to announce its decision on the £620m bid for Manchester United by BSkyB, the satellite television group part-owned by Rupert Murdoch.

The financial reporting of publicly quoted teams has also been transformed by a shake-up players' transfers, which, according to some clubs, clouds results figures and penalises home-grown talent. In different ways, the BSkyB bid and the financial changes are set to have

NEWCASTLE UNITED, the Pre- By Francesco Guerrera

a serious impact on the future of the football industry.

After years of soaraway growth, fuelled by lucrative television deals, stock market flotations and the sport's ever-increasing popularity, football clubs are at a crossroads.

On one hand, the attempted takeover of Manchester United has raised the prospects of multi-million pound links with media and leisure companies, which could replenish the clubs' coffers and fund their ambitious development plans.

On the other hand, the financial pressure on clubs is piling up, as wage bills soar and the traditional revenue-earners such as merchandise and gate receipts dry up.

As Vinay Bedi, a director at the stockbroker Wise Speke says: " Next year will be crucial in the management of football clubs. The increasing challenges faced by clubs will separate the men from the boys."

Newcastle is a case in point. On the face of it, the club, which was rocked by several boardin the accounting treatment of room shake-ups last year, should be one of the financial high-flyers in the sector It is spending £42m to increase its stadium capacity from 36,000 to 51,000. Moreover, it is almost certain to be bought by the cable

Sales of replica shirts at Newcastle were down nearly 40 per cent, part of a sales collapse at many clubs

group NTL, which has an option on over 50 per cent of the shares. if the Government approves the Manchester United bid.

However, yesterday it reported that operating profit in the first half nearly halved to £5.7m, largely due to a near 40 per cent fall in the sales of replica shirts. Industry experts believe that part of the slide in merchandise sales was caused by the disparaging remarks on its fans made by Douglas Hall

and Freddy Shepherd, two of its

The finance director, Les Wheatley, denied that the "Toon Army", Newcastle's fanatical supporters, had been alienated by the comments and pointed to a general downturn in the retail sector. Whatever the reason, a fall in a key money-spinner such as shirt sales means that football companies have to look elsewhere to raise revenue for their development plans and, more

Since the 1995 Bosman ruling allowing players to move on free transfers when out of contract, transfer fees and salaries have

Manchester United provided a graphic example of the problem on Tuesday when it said that it had to increase ticket prices by 14 per cent to meet its stars' wage demands.

Leeds is taking a different route. The Yorkshire club man- Jeremy Fenn believes that in- cial services operation.

importantly, their wage bills. aged almost to double interim profits to £3.36m, partly because wage costs were limited to a 6

> However, Peter Ridsdale, the chairman, yesterday warned the industry over excess pay. "{Wages} must not be allowed to continue to grow at levels that are unsustainable when compared to the income growth from the customer base," he said.

The club's managing director a travel agency and to a finan-

IN BRIEF

Electra says 3i bid is too low

THE BID battle between investment trusts 3i and Electra intensified yesterday as Electra said 3i's final 725p cash-and-shares offer undervalued its assets by 21 per cent. In its defence document, Electra said its net asset value should be 915p if it were adjusted to standards used by the British Venture Capital Association (BVCA). In its own proposal for winding up the trust, Electra gives an unadjusted figure of 786p.

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creasing prices is only a short-

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That is why Leeds Sporting has

chosen to look for revenue out-

side football, transforming itself

into a property developer and fi-

nancial adviser.

Oil prices passed the \$15 a barrel milestone yesterday, hitting a new 10-month high on the joint forces of gasoline supply tightness in the US and continued trader faith in OPEC supply curbs, due to take effect from today.

Pepsi float

Shares of Pepsi Bottling Group yesterday fell 50c to \$22.50 in early trading on their debut on the New York Stock Exchange. The group, which accounts for 55 per cent of Pepsi beverages sold 32 per cent worldwide, raised \$2.3bn before expenses through the initial offering of a 65 per cent stake.

Cammell's £10m

Ship repair group Cammell Laird has won £10m contract In Mr Fenn's view. Leeds' futo convert a train ferry into a ture funds will come from a hospital ship to provide free £65m retail and leisure complex medical care to developing to be built near the stadium. The nations in Africa. The project club is also lending its brand to will begin this summer at

Olivetti admits blunder in sale of Telecom shares

OLIVETTI YESTERDAY admit- delay in the announcement". ted it had blundered over the sale of a stake in its bid target Telecom Italia just hours before it increased its 11.5 euro per share offer on Monday, amid accusations that the electronics group had tried to depress Telecom Italia's share price.

But Roberto Colaninno, Olivetti's chief executive, said ask Olivetti for clarification. the sale of 24.4 million shares. which was announced on Tuesday, was carried out for treasury management purposes, and was "fully legitimate ... the only mistake concerns the

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Olivetti sold the block of shares, which amounts to 0.46 per cent of Telecom Italia's ordinary capital, for an average 9.73 euros per share, netting 237.5m euros (£160m). Its announcement on Tuesday prompted the Italian stock ex-

Bernabe, who is in the United States to try to win fund managers' support for his defence plan, accused Olivetti of attempting to depress Telecom's

COMPANY RESULTS

stock by "throwing millions of shares into the bourse". While the ensuing row has

diverted attention away from Olivetti's increased 65m euro bid, Telecom Italia is poised to launch an all-out offensive against Olivetti as soon as Consob lifts restrictions on change regulator Consob to

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Footsie holds firm as US queries BP value

AMERICAN INVESTORS are questioning the London valuations being accorded to the shares of BP Amoco, the oil behemoth with the highest market capitalisation.

In heavy trading, BP Amoco fell 30.5p to 1,048.5p, with analysts at the Ing investment house in New York believed to be declaring that the shares were up to 200p

. The Americans could be taking a particularly parochial view. Many domestic fund managers are desperately short of BP Amoco shares; some have yet to adjust to the merger. They are certain to chase the stock if, as expected, the takeover of Atlantic Richfield is rolled out. D-day is now said to be today.

But the British pool of shares is not expanding. It is estimated that around 37 per cent of BP Amoco is now owned by US investors, and if the Arco deal goes through the

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UPTON & SOUTHERN, the department store chain, is slowly switching its focus from retailing to headhunting. It is expanding its Garner International recruitment side and its next acquisition, likely within the next few months, will involve a services company.

The traditional retailing operation was hit by tough trading in its northeastern heartland. Halfyear profits fell to £40,000 against £238,000; the shares held at 2.5p.

transatlantic representation could increase to 50 per cent. Although most London traders see BP Amoco stock moving ahead, the Americans have for the moment got the upper hand, inflicting not 544.5p. inconsiderable damage to the

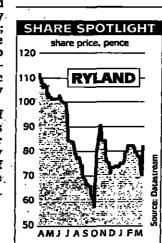
The rest of the stock market more than held its own, with Footsie, for the fifth day in succession, moving ahead. However, the gain was restricted to 31.2 points (after 88.4) to 6,295.3. The small cap second flirtation with Lasmo index was also firm, gaining 3.5 points to 2,399.9.

and an uneventful New York 125.5p.

MARKET REPORT



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performance helped to settle any nerves stemming from the Balkan crisis.

The last day of the trading quarter produced some odd deals. The Stock Exchange does not like the term "rogue trades", but it certainly looked as though attempts were made to influence some computerised order-book valua-

For example Energis, on the back of an 1,800p trade for only 2,710 shares, was at one time up 154p; the price ended 116p higher at 1,762p.

And South African Breweries, reflecting a 2,673-share deal made at at 565p, at one time sported a 30.5p gain; the shares ended 10p higher at

Window dressing for the quarter-end, plus adjustments for the looming close of the tax nudge 1.1 billion shares.

The end of Enterprise Oil's left the two oil groups a trifle shaky; Enterprise fell 10.5p to Lower interest-rate hopes 356.75p and Lasmo 89.25p at

BG lost 5.25p to 364p, un- grade, from £134m to £130m. settled by suggestions that it could be tempted to bid for Lasmo.

PowerGen firmed 3p to 682p. Edison Mission Energy, a US utility, was said to be on the verge of buying coal-fired generators after emerging as the highest bidder. It is offering PowerGen around £1m. But the industry feeling is the Government may restrict the US group to just one of the PowerGen plants. Such a block would leave the way clear for newly created Scottish & Southern to snap up the other PowerGen opera-

tion; Scottish fell 16p to 560p. Breweries were flat as worries about the upcoming Scottish & Newcastle year's results continued to create anxiety. S&N fell 18p to 666.5p and Bass 13.5p to 841.5p. But Whitbread bucked the trend with a 21p advance to 957p.

Takeover action, real and rumoured, once again swirled on the undercard. Powerscreen, the hard pressed engineer, jumped 44.5p to FORTUNE OIL caused 149.5p with a bidder circling, and IOC International, making fibre-optic equipment, added 16.5p to 72p as a US share exchange offer materi-

Capital Industries firmed 1p to 37.5p; Rutland Trust lifted its stake to 48.7 per cent and launched a mandatory

The day's management buyout was provided by Warner Howard, a laundry systems group. The shares rose 18.5p to 202.5p after the company said it was in talks with its deputy chairman. Robin Phillips. Any bid, it said, would be at a "small premium" to the market price.

Stanley Leisure, the bookie, fell 22.5p to 275p after a profits warning. Its offer for casino operator Capital Corporation is in cash at 85p a Sausage skin maker Devro

added another 1.5p to 164.5p year, as well as the stampede on continuing takeover talks. into PEPs, kept the market on and Pilkington. the glass its toes, helping turnover to maker, was again excited by reports of an overseas strike; about a possible share presthe shares rose a further 3.5p ence on the Amsterdam stock (after 6.5p) at 82.5p. Johnson Matthey, the

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metals group, gave up 20p to SEAQ VOLUME: 1.06bn 466.5p. There was talk of a SEAQ TRADES: 99,865 Collins Stewart profits down- GILTS INDEX: 113.36 +0.00

RMC eyes US and Europe for growth Alpha into

By Francesco Guerrera

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RMC, the building materials group, yesterday said it could spend up to £1.2bn to buy businesses in the fast-growing US and European markets.

Rio Tinto, down 22p to

859,5p, was ruffled by a Mer-

rill Lynch downgrading; the

same house also took a more

cautious view of department

store chain Debenhams, low-

ering the price 15p to 473.5p.

healthcare group, rose by

36.5p to 540p following a pre-

sentation at a conference or-

ganised by Salomon Smith

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Compass, after a meeting

with analysts, served up an

co was stubbed down 24.5p to

516p following the latest US

smoking-and-cancer legal

case award. There are also

fears that the Australians will

attempt to block BAT's pro-

posed global merger with

Rothmans International. The

merger would give BAT 62 per

cent of the Australian tobac-

co market, embracing "near-

ly all the major Australian

confusion; the shares

busy trading after the

firmed 1p to 4p in often

group made it clear that

indication of this year's

extra £12.5m that will be

Cheung, mastermind of

Fortune's Chinese build-

executive; he is replaced

Ryland, the garage group,

motored ahead by 12p to 82.5p.

The group, valued at £23.4m.

has sold its Multifleet opera-

tion to Paribas in a deal pric-

ing its fleet hire business at

\$25m. The transaction should

produce a £14m exceptional

publisher Q Group. up 11p at

88.5p. said it was thinking

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The group has raised an

British American Tobac-

18p gain to 717p.

Nycomed Amersham, the

The world's largest producer of ready-mixed concrete said it would add to last year's £256m acquisition spending in an bid to reduce its dependence on Germany, where demand and prices have slumped, and the UK, where volumes are unlikely to

Peter Young, chief executive, said RMC would strive to exploit the boom in the US market. where a \$200bn (£127bn) infrastructure programme will boost demand for the next five years. The US now accounts for about 18 per cent of group profits, compared with more than half from the UK and Germany. Mr Young said he wanted the US contribution to reach 20 per cent for the next two or three years

RMC's US ambitions pleased the market and triggered an 11 per cent rise in the shares to 838.5p. The group underlined its commitment to the US yesterday with the purchase of two ready-mixed concrete companies with operations in Texas, Nevada and New Mexico for a total £72.1m. The acquisitions raise RMC's US coverage from nine to 12 states.

RMC could significantly boost its American presence if it succeeds in buying Scancem, the Scandinavian building materials group that owns several US assets. RMC vesterday received

Market value: £2.24bn, share price 838.5p (+83p) Five-year record 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 Turnover (Ebn) 3.68 4.06 4.41 Pre-tax profits (£m) 307.6 264.5 Earnings per share (p) 66.3 80.3 68.9 70.0 60.2 Dividends per share (p) 22.2 25.1 26.5 28.0 27.0 Share price pence 1300 -Rest of the world

RMC: AT A GLANCE



Scancem; Lennart Johansson, a £4.4bn. The results, flagged in a Scancem board member, said RMC was "willing to buy whole or part" of the group, which owns Castle Cement, Britain's second-largest cement maker.

RMC is understood not to have reached a decision yet on whether to bid for Scancem, but Mr Young said the company was looking at a range of acquisition opportunities. These included expanding in Eastern Europe and in Western European countries apart from Ger-

The poor performance of the German operations was chiefly responsible for a 14 per cent fall in 1998 pre-tax profits to £264.5m unexpected help in the race for on sales up by 1.8 per cent to Germany."

Duty-free end sends nosedive

By Andrew Verity

SHARES IN Alpha Airports plunged by 11 per cent yesterday when the airport services group slashed its dividend in an attempt to rebuild a business devastated by the loss of dutyfree retail contracts.

Alpha said it was recom- . mending a final dividend of just 1.16p a share for a total of 3p for the year - 44 per cent down. The shares, which have been gradually losing altitude for five years, closed 8p down at 62.5p.

Alpha, which runs baggage handling, catering and retail services at airports, said it had cut the payout in the light of BAA's decision not to renew its retail management contracts at Heathrow airport last year.

The decision knocked 10 per cent off Alpha's turnover. BAA, the airports operator, will withdraw a similar contract for Gatwick in June, and Alpha is now bracing itself for this July's abolition of duty free in Europe.

Kevin Abbott, chief executive, said: "The reason for the dividend cut is that we have a large number of new projects with existing customers in the pipeline." He said the group had to preserve its financial capacity to exploit new opportunities.

Analysts were surprised by the cut but said it did little harm to an already bombed-out hold at present. As one analyst stock. Tim Sedgwick of Henry said, the shares, on around 12 Cook predicts earnings per times a 1999 profit forecast of share of 8.4p in 1999, putting the group on a forward p/e of just £290m, "look quite cheap, but there is still this problem in six; potentially a good investment but not without risk.

McKechnie plans £200m spending

THE ENGINEERING group, McKechnie, could spend up to £200m on further acquisitions as its reshaping continues. The company said yesterday that more deals could be announced in the next few months in its core specialist engineering and plas-

tics divisions, with several acquisitions under negotiation. In plastics, McKechnie makes crates for supermarkets,

BY NIGEL COPE Associate City Editor

bodies for Dyson vacuum clean-

ers and the "widgets" in Guinness cans. In specialist engineering the group focuses on fasteners for aerospace and cars and plastic inserts for mobile phones. Margins are higher and the products have scope for international expansion.

Following the £63.5m sale of tinuing operations rose 23 per ucts businesses, the remaining consumer business looks noncore. A sale seems certain,

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warning in January, suffered

from a collapse in the east Ger-

man market where volumes for

RMC products fell 24 per cent,

hit by overcapacity in the build-

ing industry. The slump is ex-

pected to continue into 1999, with

volumes set to fall by a further

6 to 7 per cent, the company said.

heavily on RMC's future

prospects, despite the shrinking

size of its profit contribution, and

the shares are no more than a

Germany is set to weigh

although chief executive Andrew right to sell this good cash generator. McKechnie delivered solid half-year results, with profits

flat at \$28.6m. Profits from con-

the Australian consumer prod-cent. Margins are rising, and hit 14 per cent in the US, now yielding 36 per cent of profits.

The group's strategy is starting to lift the share price. On full-Walker says the time is not yet year forecasts of £59.5m the shares - down 3.5p to 436.5p yesterday - trade on a forward multiple of 10. With a healthy 5 per cent dividend yield, they look good value.

Sell spinach, buy beans

CHARLES SCHWAB, the American-owned telephone sharedealing service. has come up with a revolutionary kind of investment, if its bulletin for spring 1999 is anything to go by.

The bulletin includes a registration form for its next private investors conference and exhibition at Birmingham's International Convention Centre on Saturday 15 May, tickets from £10 to £40.

Among other things, the form asks you to tick which type of investor you are: "active". "novice" - or "vegetarian".

I've heard of ethical investing, but never vegetarian investing. Does this mean you can

specify: "Only put my funds into carrots and broccoli, please."? The answer is more prosaic. Charles Schwab have got their dietary requirements

It's a nice thought, though. Perhaps some innovative funds marketeer should pick it up.

PEOPLE AND **BUSINESS**

By John Willcock



Ballot mystery

itual father of the carpetbaggers' movement, continues to baffle and infuriate the building society movement by turn.

On Friday he rang Britannia Building Society to tell them that he had decided to withdraw from the upcoming election to the board. Mr Hardern, a freelance butler, had been running on a demutualisation ticket, hoping to engineer windfall payouts to Britannia's 1.25 million voting members.

However, a spokeswoman for Britannia told me yesterday: "We have heard nothing further from Mr Hardern. We have received no official confirmation that he is withdrawing from the election. Therefore we are continuing with the vote." The voting forms have to be in by

She adds that balloting the members has already cost £2m, and re-mailing to inform them of Mr Hardern's (unconfirmed) another fim. Mr Hardern was unavailable for comment yes-

The election literature from Britannia certainly makes blood-curdling reading. A separate insert in the pack, signed by Calum A MacLeod, chairman, says: "With the exception of Mr Michael Hardern, all candidates [for the board] have provided the information required to establish that they are

Hardern has so far refused vide such information.

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withdrawal would have cost

'fit and proper'." Mr MacLeod adds that Mr

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Hardern's name: "Your board recommends that you DO NOT vote for this candidate." I think we get the idea.

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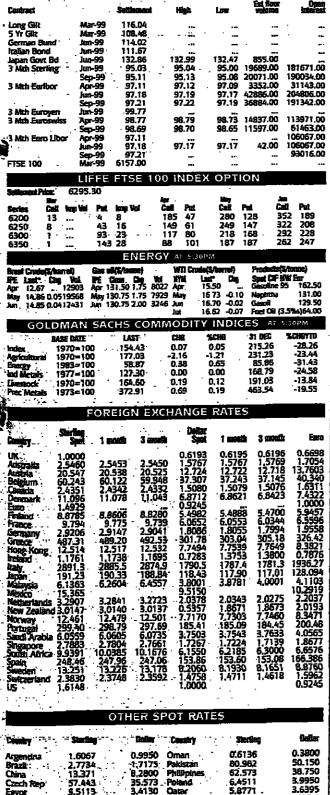
Second thoughts

YESTERDAY AT midday we received a fax from Mitsubishi Motors saying that Stephen Dixon was stepping aside as managing director of Colt Car Company, the UK distributor for Mitsubishi cars, after four years with the company.

Then four hours later we received another fax from Mitsubishi, saying that Mr Dixon 'would like to thank all those who had helped and supported him during his time with the company". It added that Colt had hoped to extend his contract for a further period but "satisfactory terms could not be agreed."

Evidence of a bust up? Not at all, said Colt: "We just couldn't get hold of Mr Dixon for a quote when we sent the first

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DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the order of the High Court of Justice of harters. I presson I dated wednesday 17th day of March 1999 confirming the cancellation of the share profund account of the abovenamed Company was registered by the Reportar. Of Companies on 26th March 1999. Paral this factor of April 1999 Herbert Smith, Eschange House. Primitise Street, London EC2A 2HS solution to the Company

Legal Notices INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 ZEDMATE DEVELOPMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1996 that a Meeting of the Creditive of the above-named Company will be held at 22 Grewenor Gardans, London SWIW ODH on 6th April 1999 at 11.00cm for the purposes mentioned in Section 94 to 101 of the said Act.

Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a full statement of account at the registered office. 33 51. George's Drive, London SWIV 4DG, not later than 12 norm on 8th | 522,050,000 to £4,410,000. April 1999.

For the purposes of voting, a secured reeditor is required (unless he surrenders his securit) (to ledge at 33 St. George's Drive, London SWIV 4DG), before the meeting, attement group particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed the said Company of surrous St. Enterthing Gives. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at 35 St. George's Drive, London SWIV 4DG, between HUMan and 4,00pm

on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above. Dated this 26th day of March 1999 By Order of the Board Richard William I not.

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AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 18th March 1999 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the

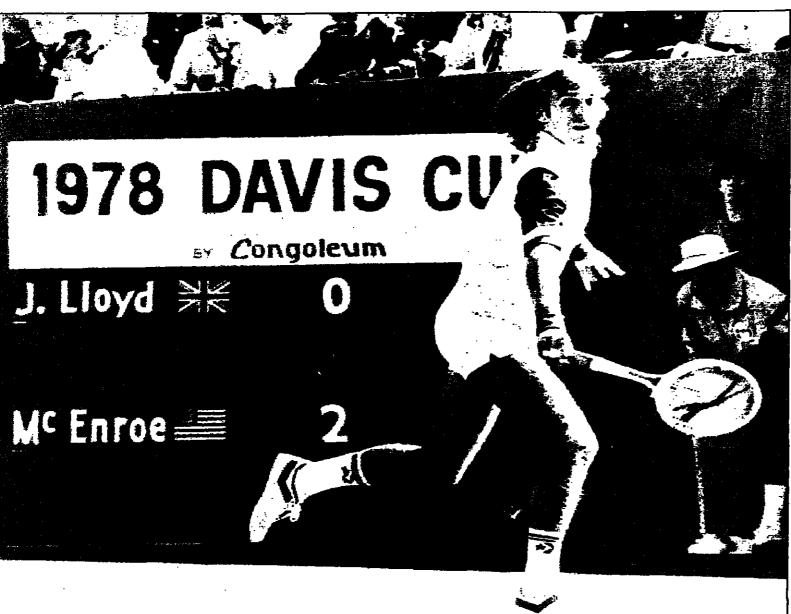
above-numed con AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Companies Court Registrar at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, Lindon WCA 2LL on

Am creditor or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of the bearing in person or by Counsel for that

A copy of the said Petition will be forwarded to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same. Dated the 30th day of March

Lawrence Graham of 190 Strand, London WC2R IIN. Ref: PHH T2NK3

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Britain's John Lloyd (main picture) admitted he was 'made to look at idiot on court' by John McEnroe, making his Davis Cup debut, in the 1978 final in California. Britain's team (top, from left: Mark Cox. John Lloyd, Buster Mottram and David Lloyd) were so outplayed by America (Bob Lutz, Stan Smith, John McEnroe and Brian Gottfried) that after Mottram's victory over Gottfried they failed to win another set

Resisting the lure of Davis Cup

events are made by those present, not by those who choose not to be there. Enough ink and paper has been used to bemoan the absence of two of tennis's most famous players, Pete did not like ocean travel. Sampras and Andre Agassi. from the American team to play Britain in the Davis Cup over

three days starting tomorrow. Sampras and Agassi have their own reasons for giving Birmingham a miss, and also for announcing that they will not be available for the official centenary match in Boston in July, whether the United States are involved in the quarter-

finals or the qualifying round. Multi-millionaire tennis players have a demanding schedule. Dwight Davis, the Harvard student from St Louis who donated the magnificent sterling silver trophy in 1899, and played in the early matches. would have understood that.

Wealthy to begin with, he led a busy life: developing the family business; setting unprecedented standards in public sports and recreational amenities as a park commissioner. serving as a major in the army in France in World War I, for which he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism; strengthening America's military resources as President Coolidge's secretary of war; and earning respect as President Hoover's governorgeneral of the Philippines.

This is by no means the only occasion that prominent players have declined their services. It happened for the inaugural match in 1900 between the United States and the British Isles. The Doherty

GREAT SPORTING BY JOHN ROBERTS

brothers, Reggie and Laurie, who between them held both the Wimbledon singles and doubles titles, did not play for the British Isles because they

As the American author Nancy Kriplen points out in the outcome of the first Davis Cup competition would surface again and again in future cup challenges. Overconfidence, for instance, and dissatisfaction with the condition of the host country's courts, and possibly most important, the inability of a country (or its tennis association) to convince its leading players that they were needed and that patriotism outranked personal convenience."

The British Isles team for the first match comprised Arthur Wentworth Gore, 32, "a striking instance of lawn tennis longevity", who went on to win Wimbledon in 1901, 1908 and 1909; Herbert Roper Barrett, 26, a London solicitor, who was noted for doubles play; and Ernest Black, a 27-year-old Scot who was the champion of Scotland and Yorkshire. Gore, the captain, was ranked No 5 in England, Black No 6, and Bar-

It was later said that selection had been affected by Britain's involvement in the Boer War, although of their leading players, only Dr W V Eaves was serving in South Africa. (The Spanish-American War affected the careers of at least two experienced American players, Bill Larned and Bob Wrenn).

Before they left London,

Gore, Black and Barrett had It transpired that rain delayed lunch with the Lawn Tennis Association and were presented with white satin caps embroi-

dered with the Royal Standard. The three arrived in New York aboard the Campania on 4 longing to the Sears family. In August, four days before the 1840, David Sears, Boston's match was due to start. The richest citizen, named his new Americans expected them to go Dwight Davis: The Man and straight to Boston to practise. the Cup: "Several of the ele- Instead the visitors took a trip ments that had been factors in to Niagara Falls. It has been suggested that they thought the match was due to start two days

the start for a day. The venue, Longwood, had

an ominous ring. The Longwood Cricket Chib had taken its name from an estate in Brookline becountry place Longwood after the dilapidated house where died on St Helena.

Temperatures touched 136F on court, and the visitors were Boston Morning Journal relater than the actual schedule. bemused by the corkscrew ported, Gore "wound up by civilised lawn tennis, held up

the Americans, Dwight Davis and Holcombe Ward, not to mention Malcolm Whitman's "rattlesnake". Although Black took the first set against Davis, the father of the competition went on to win, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1, 6-1. Gore was overwhelmed by Whitman, 6-1, 6-3, 6-2,

As the "egg-shaped lump" left his hero, Napoleon Bonaparte, Whitman's strings, Gore swiftly switched his racket from one hand to the other. "Finally," the

twist serves perfected by two of letting the ball escape him altogether". The next day Davis and Ward beat Black and Roper 6-4, 6-4, 6-4. The two "dead" singles rubbers were abandoned because of a thunder storm.

"The grounds were abominable," Gore wrote. "Picture to yourself a court in England where the grass has been the longest you ever encountered; everything, however. "The and you have the courts at Longwood at that time.

"The net was a disgrace to

They were awful - soft and motherly - and when served with the American twist came at you like an animated eggplum... We had never experienced this service before and it quite nonplussed us." Gore did not find fault with

guy ropes which were continu-

ally sagging ... As for the balls ...

double the length of that grass spectators were most impartial and the female portion thereof not at all unpleasant to gaze upon... The umpires, who sat on chairs perched on tables, and the linesmen discharged their duties most satisfactorily. Indeed, we had nothing to complain about in regard to American sportsmanship and hospitality...

"I was only in America a week, and I often laugh to myself over the fact that I iourneved some 6,800 miles to play 30 games. I still do not grumble. "There was no one else to

represent England and I felt I had to go despite the inconvenience and personal expense to which we were put.

"Whitman, let me conclude. was one of the finest singles players I ever saw." All at sea figuratively in 1900.

the Lawn Tennis Association persuaded the Doherty brothers to cross the Atlantic for the second Davis Cup challenge in 1902 (Dr Joshua Pim, 33, from Ireland, was the third member of the team).

The tie was played in New York, the Americans winning, 3-2. The Dohertys returned to take the trophy with a 4-1 victory in 1903, the Americans gaining their solitary point by default (Reggie Doherty was injured and the home team until I played McEnroe today."

(1900)

THE LAST TIME

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(1978) John McEnroe bt John Lloyd (GB) 6-1. Buster Mottram (GB) bt Brian Gott-fried 4-6, 2-6, 10-8, 6-4, 6-3 Bob Lutz and Stan Smith br David Lloyd and Mark Cox (GB) 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 McEnroe bt Mottram 6-2, 6-2, 6-1 Gottfried bt John Lloyd 6-1 6-2, 6-4 US bt Britain 4-1 (Paim Springs,

refused to allow Harold Mahony to replace him).

Britain have defeated the United States seven times in 17 meetings, four of the triumphs having been recorded in the 1930s, the Fred Perry era. The last British win against the Americans was in the 1935 Challenge Round, a 5-0 whitewash, on the Centre Court at Wimbledon. Herbert Roper

Barrett was Britain's captain. David Lloyd, the current captain, and his bother John, the coach, played in the last match between the two countries, the 1978 final at Mission Hills Country Club in Palm Springs, California. Buster Mottram saved a match point before defeating Brian Gottfried. Britain did not win a set in the other four matches. John McEnroe made his Davis Cup singles debut, beating John Lloyd and Mottram. "Tve never been made to look an idiot on court before," John Lloyd said. "Not by Borg. not by Connors, not by anyone

Lara justifies use of overused superlatives

Britain's Davis Cup team of 1936 at Eastbourne (from left): CRD Tuckey, GP Hughes, Tom Whittaker, Fred Perry,

H W Austin and Dan Maskell. Whittaker was Arsenal football club's trainer, who was recruited to improve the

ONE OF the things to be learned from Brian Lara's match-winning 153 against Australia in Barbados on Tuesday is that sportswriting is all too frequently debased by immoderate assessment.

Tremendous by any stan dards, thrilling, daring and gutsy in the face of Glenn Mc-Grath's hostile fast bowling, Lara's innings justified all the superlatives showered on it from the commentary box by past cricketing heroes.

Impressions of class trip too lightly from the tongue in a sporting era when people use "great" for "average", "sensational" for "good", and "im-



KEN JONES

mortal" for "competent", but there was no rush of irritation here when Jeff Thomson declared that he had seen genius

The more you think about

the circumstances of an effort that held me rivetted to Sky TV's transmission for four hours, the more you have to agree that Lara merited Thomson's estimation.

tennis players' fitness for the tie against America

Until Lara compiled a double-century in the second Test to level the series he had not reached three figures for more than 12 months. He was held to account for the recent loss of all five Tests to South Africa. On Tuesday afternoon, Lara found himself at the crease with only four wickets left (although Jimmy Adams provided commendably stubborn resistance) and Australia's target a distant one.

Fearlessly, Lara took the initiative, cutting and driving to such effect that Australia's leg-spinners Shane Warne and Stuart MacGill were battered out of the action. With only two wickets in hand the West Indies were still 60 short but Lara got them there, victory completed

with a flashing cover drive. After a certain age, the heroes of our youth are always more mythic, larger than life. than those we acquire later on. You secretly think that Don Bradman and Denis Compton would have plundered today's bowling attacks. That Stanley Matthews and Tom Finney would have adjusted effort-

lessly to the pace of modern football. That Willie Pep would have made utter nonsense of Naseem Hamed's claim to be one of the great featherweight champions. Weren't the summers hotter, the winters colder days longer nights dark-

shrunk since you grew up? Trouble is that too many sporting conclusions are reached without the benefit of comparison. How can any of today's footballers be put up against Pele and the equally talented Alfredo di Stefano if you never saw them? The

of his career - is Bradman. The best fast bowler, Ray Lindwall. Muhammad Ali is the best heavyweight of my experience but respect is held out for those who saw and argue in favour of Joe Louis.

Given technological developments in golf, isn't it possible that Ben Hogan and Sam Snead would have been as long from the tee as Tiger Woods? Equally, it is hard to imagine that Jack Nicklaus's probably unassailable record of major championships could have been achieved against

today's depth of talent.

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further from the aggravating fact of glib appraisal. A habit of some football

commentators and writers is to confer superior status on players who have yet to prove that the gift they were born with can be successfully applied at the highest level. To my mind, the term "world class" in its purest form implies serious consideration for a team chosen from the best presently playing. In a wider. more illustrious context, it can be applied to the best ever.

gone around with a list in my greatest batsman I have ever You can go on and on like head of eight footballers who fig-seen - albeit towards the end this, however it gets me no ure beyond all reasonable

doubt in the highest category They are: Pele, Di Stefano, Ferenc Puskas, George Best, John Charles, Diego Maradona, Johan Cruyff and Franz Beckenbauer. Many came close, but not close enough in debate with managers and coaches to make disagreement more than marginal.

Apart from natural talent, the quality common to all those players in their prime was determination.

Along with rare powers of skill and imagination, it stood For some years now I have out in the marvellous innings Lara played on Tuesday. A genius of his game. No question about it.

Motor Racing: Ford looking for fresh success as the British Touring Car Championship gets under way

No looking back for Richards

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THESE ARE heady days for Ford Motorsport. The new Focus, cajoled by Colin McRae. has made a spectacular impact on the World Rally Championship and the Stewart Grand Prix car, powered by Ford Cosworth's latest engine, has surprised most observers with its competitive start to the Formula One season.

The pressure is now on the man entrusted with command of the third major prong in the company's attack, the British Touring Car Championship campaign, which begins at Donington Park on Sunday.

David Richards, the head of the Prodrive team running the Mondeo, has enjoyed considerable success across the motor sport spectrum, and ironically lost McRae to Ford after moulding the Scot into a world champion at Subaru.

However, Richard's ultimate objective is to prove himself in Formula One and last autumn he abandoned his much-trumneted association with Benetton over differences of opinion with the Italian family.

He acknowledges that if he is to be given another opportunity at the highest level of the

TOURING CARS 1999 SCHEDULE

4-5 April Donington Park
17-18 AprilSilverstone
2-3 MayThruston
15-16 MayBrands Hatch
30-31 MayOuton Park
19-20 JuneDonington Park
3-4 JulyCroft
17 JulySetterton
31 July-1 AugustThruston
14-15 AugustKnockhill
29-30 August Brands Hatch
11-12 September Oulton Park
18-19 SeptemberSilverstone

sport, let alone achieve fulfil-ment, he must guide Ford to the forefront of the notoriously rathless touring car battleground.

"I'm conscious people will be re-assessing me, and in that regard it's a bit like running a football team," Richards said. "I guess football managers have the same sort of pressures on them every time their teams step onto the field.--

YOU'TE ONLY AS 2000 AS VOU last result, and people soon forget if you have a few bad results and you go downhill. People don't remember the good times, they remember only the

"I'm convinced an opportunity to back will arise. But I want to go back to Formula One in the right circumstances to win, with the wherewithal to do the job properly, not by dint of needing to be there out of ego, out of financial reasons or any other"

Richards maintains his year at Benetton had its positive spin-off, which he believes will



enhance his prospects with the Ford touring car venture.

"I'm not a person for looking back, dwelling on errors of judgment, mistakes or whatever," he said. "I frankly came out of last year a lot stronger, a lot better for it. It was a learning year.

"My approach to the way we are doing the Ford touring car programme - the general way we've gone about things, and the focus we put on things - I've taken with me from last year."

The sense of renewal embraces the entire operation. including the recruitment of the drivers, the former champion, from Renault, and the runnerup in last season's championship, Britain's Anthony Reid, from Nissan.

Richards said: "Ford have taken quite a big step, a brave step, as I believe they are doing

in rallying and Formula One. "I think we've got a great pair of drivers. Alain was with me in our BMW days and joined us because he wanted another crack at the championship, Anthony also saw that opportunity. Last year he came of age.

"They're both really fired up. They come to the team as ments of the modern BTCC.

arch rivals and they're challenging each other, pushing the whole team forward."

Menu's pedigree has long been respected, but Reid had to establish himself against a backdrop of prejudice and resentment. John Cleland, a fellow Scot and the senior driver in the championship, famously dubbed Reid: "Mad Anthony."

Reid, whose accent would be more familiar in his present hometown, Oxford, than his native Glasgow, dismisses such jibes as "part of the initiation

He said: "Td come back to ne uk irom Japan and bed didn't really know me. A lot of them tried it on with me and I realised I had to earn their respect the hard way. It's tough racing and you have to look after yourself.

"The sport needs heroes but not lunatics and I think people now know I'm no lunatic. Most of the hmatics have been weeded out and only a couple of the old school are left. We now have a new wave of quality drivers." Richards is convinced his drivers fit perfectly the com-

bative and technical require-

which in turn has struck a competitive balance after lurching perilously close to the frontiers of junk sport.

"All the best drivers are going to get involved in a few scrapes," Richards said. "You have to be aggressive in there. The faint-hearted aren't going to win and that's a fact of life.

The public come to watch it

and the bump-and-bang is an accepted part of the tradition of the championship. But it's not stock car racing and it must not be stock car racing."

Richards expects that, if anything, the racing will be closer still this season. Despite the withdrawal of Audi and Peugeot, there remain five manufacturers between Ford and their ambitions: Honda. Nissan, Renault, Vauxhall and Volvo, with whom Sweden's

Little wonder, therefore, that Richards' team were perplexed when they discovered part of the Mondeo's bodywork was to be painted yellow, which has a considerably heavier lead content

Rickard Rydell defends his title.

than most pigments. To their relief, they were assured it would be applied to the front of the car. which should aid performance.

Testing suggests Honda have timed their preparation perfectly and that Nissan, winners of the manufacturer and team awards last season, will again be among the front runners. However, the factory drivers David Leslie and Laurent Aiello are in danger of being upstaged, initially at least, by the independent driver Matt Neal, at the wheel of last season's Primera.

Neal, a 32-year-old company director from Stourbridge, has the short-term incentive of pocketing £250,000 should he win a race this year, and the long-term objective of earning a works drive.

"I had to prick myself after finishing fastest in testing the other day," Neal said. "You get used to struggling after six years of it. I don't think I've embarrassed Nissan. I'm the stick prodding their works' drivers. "I've got such a good car and

I'm hitting the ground running. The factory team will get much stronger as the season progresses, so now is the time for me to strike."

Leslie, the Scotsman who ended last season supporting his countryman's challenge, acknowledges he has to assert himself from the off this time if he is not to be assigned similar duties for the benefit of the

Frenchman, Aiello. "This is my big chance," Leslie said. "I need a good start. Laurent doesn't know many of the circuits yet but he will be very quick.

"All the teams will get stronger and the quality is improving all the time. Ford have done poorly over the last few seasons, but they could surprise obie this vear.

Richards' prospects of a return to Formula One could depend on it. The rumour mill has inked him with a possible future in the Ford Grand Prix organisation, but if the BTCC alliance fails, that route may be blocked.

"Every time we go out we are under the spotlight," Richards said. "We have to perform. If we get a few good results it will stand me in good stead. "The way we've approached

it is with little compromise. At the end of the day, the buck stops with me.

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Bulls are seeking rapid revenge

RUGBY LEAGUE

BY DAVE HADFIELD

RECORDS COULD be at risk tonight, as well as agitated local pride, when Bradford and Leeds lock horns for the second time in five days

It is remarkable how often fixture lists plant a league match between two sides immediately before or after a Cup encounter. The way that Leeds came from pehind to beat their nearest and bitterest rivals in their semi-final on Sunday has only sharpened the appetite for this rapid opportunity for redress.

Bradford describe demand for the game at Odsal as "unprecedented". As last season's equivalent fixture, in freezing weather quite different from that expected tonight, attracted the Bulls' record Super League crowd of 19,188, this game must put both that figure and the bestever crowd in Super League -20,429 for Wigan versus St Helens three years ago - in serious danger.

Even more to the point for Bradford is how they respond to the disappointment of defeat. Their coach, Matthew Elliott, says that the R-word has not been mentioned, but that may be because the desire for revenge after a blow like that is automatic and needs no spelling out.

"We understand why we didn't win. It is all about the usual reasons," said Elliott. "We are two very evenly matched teams and we lost concentration at crucial times.

Elliott could still be without Bernard Dwyer and expects to lose Michael Withers and Stuart Fielden from his semi-final line-up, but has Nathan McAvoy available. Not surprisingly, he will not finalise his decision on any other changes until shortly before the match.

Leeds' Graham Murray is slightly less circumspect. He may rest Darren Fleary and has already ruled out Richie Blackmore and Daryl Powell, whose important stand-off role is likely to be to filled by moving Iestyn Harris and playing Marcus St Hilaire at full-back. Although Leeds again

showed their phenomenal resulence at Huddersbeld. this is a dangerous game for them. Defeat, following their loss to Wigan two weeks ago, could see them four points off the pace at this early stage of the season. Under a system involving a

top-five play-off, that would not be disastrous, but it would mean that preparations for Wembley could be clouded by concern over their Super League position. The Salford coach, Andy Gre-

gory, still facing an internal disciplinary inquiry, has dropped his experienced scrum-half, Martin Crompton, for tomorrow's visit of Warrington.

Leblanc may have to quit

gating doping in the Tour de France may extend his inquiries to the veteran director of the race, Jean-Marie Leblanc, the man who announced a new drugs "honour code" for the contest last year.

Leblanc - known as "Monsieur Tour" for his long association with the world's greatest cycle road race - has been ordered to attend a meeting with Judge Patrick Keil in Lille tonight. The president of the French cycling federation, Daniel Baal, has also been

The judge is already investigating 12 people, including France's most popular cyclist, Richard Virenque, for their alleged roles in the doping scandal that almost wrecked last year's Tour. According to leaks to the French press, Judge Keil intends to inform both Leblanc and Baal that they are now considered suspects in the case. If so, Leblanc, under his

own tightened rules, would have to stand down as director of the 1999 race, which begins at Puy-du-Fon on 3 July.

CYCLING

BY JOHN LICHFIELD in Paris

It is reported that the judge may place the pair under formal examination – one step short of a charge - for "complicity" in the use of illegal substances. In effect the two men would then face possible charges of having turned a blind eye to the use of illegal, performance-boosting, drugs by Tour riders over many There are doubts whether

the judge could make such a charge stick but he is said to be determined to pursue his inquiries until he reaches the people ultimately responsible for the widespread use of drugs in cycling. The criminal investigation began early in last year's Tour, when one of the trainers of the Festina team was arrested crossing the Belgian border with illegal substances in his official team car.

Since then, a string of people - including the team manager and the team leader. Virengue – have been placed

under formal investigation. On Monday, the judge extended the inquiry to the president of the professional cycling league, Roger Legeay, taking the investigation beyond the riders and team officials into the higher echelons of the sport for the first time.

Under the new "Caesar's Wife" code of conduct for the Tour announced by Leblanc last year, anyone even suspected of involvement with doping will not be allowed to take part. This almost certainly means that Virenque, now racing for the Italian Polti team will be banned from the 1999 Tour Logically, it also means Leblanc would have to step down if placed under investigation by Judge Keil.

Leaks to French newspapers suggest that the judge believes that senior cycling officials have committed "sins of omission" by ignoring widespread use of endurance-enhancing drugs such as EPO. Virenoue, who has adamantly denied taking drugs, is under investigation for trafficking in the drugs as well as using them.

Jones will have shot at five gold medals

IN THE hope that the 2000 Olympics will become celebrated as the "Athletes" Games," the event's organisers have settled on a schedule which will allow Marion Jones a shot at history.

The United States sprinter will attempt to win an unprecedented five gold medals in track and field at Sydney, and her bid to become celebrated as the athlete of the games is gaining full support from the Sydney organisers.

Jones will be trying to become the first woman in the sport to win five gold medals in one games. Fanny Blankers-Koen of the Netherlands is the only woman track and field competitor to win four golds at one games, in 1948.

"Five golds is not just talk." Jones said earlier this year. "It is possible. If any athlete can do it, it's myself. I was born with a lot of talent, but I'm also a verv hard worker." Unlike the Atlanta Olympics, where late negotiations were needed to

OLYMPIC GAMES

BY TONY HARPER in Sydney

double at 200 metres and 400m. the Sydney committee has designed a schedule around Jones' needs.

The only catch is that, of the

28 sports to be contested at the next Olympics, track and field's governing body the International Amateur Athletic Federation, is the only one yet to reach a formal schedule agreement with Sydney. However, Bob Elphinston, a Sydney spokesman, said: "We're now orinting something like 9.3 million ticket brochures." he said. "It's absolutely crucial that we

maintain that programme." The number of sports for Sydney has increased by two from Atlanta, with triathlon and taekwondo bringing the figure to 28. The introduction this month of four synchronised diving medals takes the number of events on the profacilitate Michael Johnson's gramme to 300, from 271 in 1996.

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but Andrew Thornton can be fairly sure that a majority of the

National on Saturday week will

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terday to partner Nahthen Lad.

ple of seasons gives him no

more than a slim hope of suc-

cess, but who will also be Jenny

Pitman's final runner in the big

race. Given Aintree's habit of

producing romantic results.

only brave or unsentimental

imminent retirement, Nahthen

Lad might attract support sim-

ply because his overall form re-

sembles that of Royal Athlete,

Mrs Pitman's most recent Na-

RICHARD EDMONDSON

Nap: Bound For Pleasure

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(Lingfield 4.00)

tional winner. Like Royal Ath-

lete, Nahthen Lad was a fine

novice chaser, but also a horse

who then found it difficult to

make his way in handicaps

under an almost inevitable top

weight. There were distinct

signs of a return to form.

though, when he ran on into

third place in the William Hill

at the Cheltenham Festival last

ever, Nahthen Lad is one of the

more prominent horses in ante-

post betting on the National.

and until yesterday, perhaps the

outstanding spare ride in the

race. "It's a nice sort of ride."

Thornton said yesterday. "I

know a bit about him. We were

beaten only about 10 lengths in

last year's Scottish National. He

won the Sun Alliance, is the

right age (10 years old) and has

have a decent chance."

Unlike Royal Athlete, how-

Thornton was booked yes-

ASCOT Going: Good to Firm (Good in places) 2.05: (2m 4f novice hurdle) 1. NATIVE RECRUIT ____ R Johnson 7-2

shine Bay (4th), 14-1 Ashman (5th), 25-1 ings Boy (8th). 9 ran. Nk. 9. 3. 9. (Winner chestnut gelding by Be My Native out of Castle Stream, trained by D Nicholson at Temple Guiting

__L Wyer 40-1

for Jerry Wright). Tota: \$5.20; \$1.50, \$6.60, \$1.30. DF: \$87.70. CSF: \$105.29. 2.40: (3m 110vds novice chase) SWEET LORD _____T J Murphy 13-2
 Strong Vision__N Williamson 5-1 co fav
 Strong Paladin_R Dunwoody 5-1 co fav

toni (4th), 9-1 See Enough (6th), 14-1 Cardiac Arrest, Royal Raven (5th), 20-1 Chevaller Bayard, Mr Edgar, Up The Coungelding by Aristocracy out of Sweet and Fleet, trained by J Old at Wroughton for I S Networking Solutions Ltd). Tote: £8.30; \$250 \$220 \$190 DF: \$1740 CSF, \$3310.

1. SUPREME CHARM...N Williamson 11-4 favR Dunwoody 4-1 Also ran: 7-2 Laredo. 11-2 Country Beau. 14-1 Sursum Corda (4th). 6 ran. 19. 11, dist. (Winner bay gelding by Sovereign Water out of Welsh Charmer.

J Vogi), Tale: \$2.80; £140, £190, DF; £4.40. Also ran: 11-2 µ tav Papua (4th), 13-2 Red Guard, 8-1 Tissue Of Lies, 9-1 Vent D'Aout, 11-1 Classic Eagle (5th), 12-1 Simons Cas-

trained by K Bailey at Cloper Lambourn for

French Furza (6th). 12 ran. Hd, 11/4, 11/4, 6, 1. (Winner bay galding by Tirol out of Heavenly Hope, trained by M Tompkins at Newmarket for P Heath). Tota: 0590: 0230, 0590, 0150, DF: 57220. CSF: £7451. Tricast: £49089. NR. Baba Au

2. Equity's Darling...M Batchelor 11-2 it bry Also ram: 11-2 it fav Captain Jack (6th), 6-1 Balanak, Green Crusader. 3-1 Be My Mot. 10-1 Galatason Jane (5th), Queen's Rate.

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Thornton to

ride last Lad

A less sought after vacancy millions who watch the Grand in the saddle was yesterday awarded to Tom Jenks, who was recently jocked off Earth Summit, last year's winner, in favour of Carl Llewellyn. Jenks will now ride Commercial whose form over the last cou- Artist, which is not much by way of compensation, since he is one of the least reliable jumpers in the race and quoted at an appropriate 200-1 by Ladbrokes.

A slightly better chance looks to be held by Frazer Island who does at least tend to show ounters will leave his name off his best form in the spring. Fourth over the National fences Even without his trainer's in the John Hughes Trophy 12 months ago, Frazer Island pleased his trainer, Richard Rowe, in one of his last pre-race gallops yesterday.

"I am hoping that Richard Guest or Barry Fenton will be able to ride him," Rowe said yesterday. "Richard rode him in the John Hughes last year and Barry has ridden him on park courses this season. He was running a good race at Cheltenham [before being brought down in the Kim Muir] and I suppose the good thing with him coming down at half-way is he didn't have the chance to have a hard race. He was a bit stiff for a couple of days but he is in good form and he seems

to come right in the spring." Before the Grand National there is the Irish version at National Hunt Handicap Chase Fairyhouse on Monday to be considered and the race lost its favourite almost as quickly as

it had found him yesterday. Celtic Giant, an impressive winner at the Cheltenham Festival, was installed at the head of the market on Tuesday, but Len Lungo, his trainer, said that the chaser is unlikely to make the trip. "I don't see much point in travelling that distance if overnight rain turns the going against Celtic Giant," Lungo said. "He must have it good to firm." The Scottish National or a touch of class, so he'd have to a race at Aintree next week seem better alternatives.

4.50: (2m 3t 110yds hunter chase)

1. DESERT CALM ...Mr D A-Hankey 16-1

2. Contil D'Estruval ...Mr C Borner 7-2 tav
Also ran: 4-1 Mr Golightiy, 9-2 Strong
Medicine (ath), 8-1 Delight (6th), 8-1 Kānulladel, 10-1 Halham Ism (unseasted
rider), 14-1 Drumstick (pulled up), 20-1
Man Mood, MR O'The Reys (5th), 3-1 Red
Rory (unseasted rider), 66-1 Arabian Bold
(pulled up), Canister Castle (unseasted
rider), Pether Jack (pulled up).

15 ran. Sh hd. 4, 5, 4, 8 (Winner brown gelding by Glow out of Lancette, trained by D
McCain at Cholmondeley for R N Fullen,
Totel 136:00: 5360, 5340, £190, DF: £10980.

5.25: (2m 110yds nh flat race)

3. One Nation. M. Batchelor 3-1 Also rain: 6-1 Jennypenney (8th), 10-1 Macaw-Bay (4th), 14-1 The Purfin Man, 16-1 Berswolf (8th), 33-1 Boring Goring, Ice Cool Lad, Jenski, 50-1 Beechcroft Bay, County Flyer, Crossy, Montys Lad. 14 ran. Hd. 4, 3, 1,2 (Winner bay gelding to The Millions and Missel Transit May

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\$151 NF: Annie Apple.
2.50: 1, THE WOODCOCK (D Holand) 7-2
(fray; 2. Claim Gebal Claim 16-1; 3. Principal Boy 16-1. 7-2 (fram Alamen 16 ran.
½, 1½. (B Hits, Lambourn) Tota: \$530, 2230,
\$530, \$560, DF: \$5330, CSF: \$5756.
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tay; 2. Aldwych Arrow 8-1; 3. Ones More DF: £2750 CSF: £3584 Tricast £38984 4.251 1. MISS GRAPETTE (J. Fortune) 5-1; 2. Gunner Sam 8-5 tav; 3. Healthyards Tip-ple 20-1, 14 ran. ½, 3½, (J. Berry, Cocker-ram), Totes £550; £200, £10, £300 DF: £220. CSF: £744. 5.00: 1. RUM POINTER & Fortune) 15-1; 2

Romero 5-4 tay; 3. Lost Spirit 7-2 10 ran. 7 7. (T Easterby, Molion) Tota: £1720; £170; £180 £170. OF: £1270. GSF: £3443. Treast £9835 FOLKESTONE 2.00: 1. FIRST BLOOD (T Cuim) 3-1; 2. Meint-ga 20-1: 3. Cowboys And Angels 4-1.9 ran. 11-4 fav Victorat. Hd. 174. (T Mile). Tota: ES80; 52:20. E340, E200. DF. (2200. CSF: ES849. 2.30: 1. MALIBU MAN (S Carson) 6-1; 2. Landican Lene 14-1; 3. Ivory's Joy 6-1 11 ran. 4-1 tav Facile Tigre. 2/L, 1. (E Wheel-er) Tota: 03:00; 62:30, 63:30, 6170, 07: 67750. CSF: 07-60. Tricast: 036866.

er) Folte (200; 2230, 2330; EV/TO DF; 27760 CSF; EXRO: Tricast: 236866. 3.00: 1. TriGER TALK (M High; H-8 tar; 2 Barribasechi 9-4; 3. The Whitefiler Barri 20-1 14 ran; 5. 174. (B High; Toler (240; 5:120 F:30 F420 DF; 5:250 CSF; 9:200 NF; Lorian, Marry Me. 3.30: 1. INDIAN BLAZE (N Polard) 14-1; 2. Halmanerror 16-1; 3. Se Warmed 8-1; 4. Storm Cat 12-1; 16 ran; 2-1 far Agg Dancer Nc. 1 (D Esworth) Toler 5:155; C380, 5530, C240, E390 DF; E3640, CSF; 5:21(19, Thouse; 5:177872 12.20, 13.90 Pr. 196.40 (55°: 12.21.78) Inc.
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HE MAY be riding a 16-1 chance, BY GREG WOOD

Without Celtic Giant, the race seems wide open, with Manus The Man, Papillon and Bob Treacy all within a point of each other at around 7-1. Richard Dunwoody still requires three winners to pass Peter Scudamore's record tally of 1,678 after all three of his mounts - Strong Paladin, Kurakka and Kinnescash – failed

at Ascot yesterday. ■ The trainer Ben Hanbury was fined £1,750 and jockey John Stack suspended for 12 days under the "non-triers' rule over the running and riding of Quiet Millfit in a maiden race at Catterick yesterday.



LEICESTER

2.10 Loop The Loup (nb) 3.40 Top Jem 4.10 Bound For Pleasure 2.40 Birchwood Sun 3.10 ARDLEIGH CHARMER (nap) 4.40 Penybont

GOING: Soft DRAW ADVANTAGE: High best 5! to 1m especially on soft ground.

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■ LEADING JOCKEYS: L Dettori 34-119 (28.6%), Pat Eddery 27-124 (21.8%), K Fal lon 19-114 (187%), G Carter 16-135 (119%), Dane O'Nelli 14-108 (13%), **T** FAVOURITES: 179-579 (309%). TONGUE STRAP: Mustn't Grumble (240), Rear Window (310), Flying Filip (310)

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FORM GUIDE

Alpine Red: 65,000-guinea gelding by Trol out of a fairly useful 2yo sprint winner Bid Me Welcome: By Alzao, 9-2, 5% lengths fourth of 7 to Calcutta in maders at Ayr Bit, good to soft) less tuly for Merit, Johnston, carrying head high, Sold 2,200 guineas Hound Venture: Sprint bred. Ran in three sprint maders in September, form only when 5% lengths that of 11 to Munic at Goodwood (good to soft), leading 41 Jet Age: Denehili gelding, Trained last year by Andre Fabre, very much one of his lesser lights judged on 7th of 13 in maiden at Le-Croise-Laroche (91 good to soft) Lemerle: Cott by Roi Denzig, 33-1, beaten about 12 lengths when sixth of 13 to impressive Turasth at Doncaster (thing) good to soft) 6 days ago, never dangerous Loop The Loup: Ran in two soft-surface maidens here in October, 11% lengths third of 11 to Mount lish over Im. Stable have made good start, so looks major contender My Pleasure: Gelding by Cadeaux Generoux, first float of a fairly useful filly who won at 5t, 6f and 7f (twice) as a 3yo. Newcomer, but respected on paper credentials Salestly: Sales cott from good family, 16-1 from 8-1, orly 11th of 13 to Lughting Arrow in \$5,600 event at Newmarkst (in, good), but showed some promise. One to note Stomain: Visored for two starts last July and did not show much. Both of those races were on firm ground. Very different conditions loday, but remains hard to fancy Turawan: Nashwan cott, Pair form in auction event, valuable sales race and maden, in last-named 4-lengths second of 16 to Kiting at Doncaster (71, good to soft). in last-named 4-lengths second of 16 to Kiting at Doncaster (71, good to soft) VERDICT: Several possibilities, nearly all of those with experience having shown some promise. Loup The Loup and TARAWAN head the field on form, with the latter in particular looking the type to do better as a 3yo. Salsify and Lamente both finished out of the frame on there only outings, but hinted at considerably better, while the Ed Dunlop newcomer My Pleasure should be watched in the betting.

2.40 BILLESDON SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £2,500 added

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5		HOLLOWAY MELODY (208) (Mrs R Gibson) B Mickelon 692	
Б	40004	MY KIND (J943) (Cave James) N Babbage 692	¥
17		OVERCOME (151) (Thurlestone Hotel Racing Club) R Frost 4 9 2 S Whitworth	
18		SANDY SHORE (266) (J Rose) J Wharton 4 9 2	
9		DOCKLANDS MERC (35) (Mrs Lisa Cley) R Philips 3 8 2	
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BETTING: 5-1 Bettron, 5-1 Ambitious, 7-1 Overcome, 8-1 Magic Powers, 10-1 lipcress Fifty, 12-1 Avesome Venture, Foxle Lady, Sendy Shore, 14-1 others 1998: White Settler 5 9 7 S Drowns 9-1 (R Hodges) drawn (4) 14 ran

1998: White Settler 5 9 7 S Drowns 9-1 (R Hodges) chain (4) M ran FORM GUIDE

Roffley Spirinely: C&D (good to soft) winner of smaker event in October by a neck. Returns after AW campaign with 82f win at Wiolverhampton but 3 poor runs since Scattheburg: Won on but return last term over 7f at Catterck, and back to form with typical last run to win at Newceste (rin, heavy) in October Some promise on AW Adilipours. Still a molden and has been tred over wide variety of trips. Still task Aurabitoust: Dropped to seller having shown fair form both on turf last year and in AW handicaps (with 6f win as Southwell) over the writer. Poor effort however on only previous appearance on a soft surface and is unproven beyond 6f Awesiane Venture; Gimmer of a chance with a reproduction of the best of his AW form, but without a win since May 1997 and having first run on turf since August 1997 Bettinon: Has won two claimers, latest when 8-11 at Sandown (midd, good to soft) in June. Refused to race following month. Very wall treated if he consents to do his best Birchwood Start in excellent form at this time last year, winning three times at 60/71 on soft surface and adding another seller win in June. Below form later in summer

Cheerful Groom: Won three handicaps (highest mark 56) on AW last summer. Off course 5 months and has shown no sign of that form in 5 outlings this year Comeoutorthetog: Won 2 claimers on AW in February 1998, inconsistent on turt. Old better returned to AW late last year, but below form twice in January. Bit to find better returned to AW late last year, but below form twice in January. Bit to find Johany Staccato: Good chance on his best from last season, notably when numeric pin a 6 fi handicap on soft, but lost his form. Left Roland O'Sulfivan and of 1998 Magle Powers: Has had only 6 races. Best efforts over 71 including third of 19 in apprentice madern here (good to soft) in October. Has to improve a bit on that Mustarth Grunnblet Seen almost exclusively on AW these days and plenty to find Foxie Lady: Went downfull last season after corrung second in three malders over 71 on sound surface. Well bester in handicap (off 77) maldern and claimer last 3 starts Goldfiner Gossign Fifth of 17 in setter at Nottingham (tim, soft) on debut last March, but has a very stift task even on that form and did not repeat it Holloway Metody: Dual seller wither over 11 (good ground) last July. Something to find on that form and effectiveness on very soft ground is in doubt. My Kindt: Has had a break of over 2 years and stift task on that 1996 form Overcome: Trained in Germany last term, winning a malden and effective over middle distances. Form chance, Stable linown for its jumpers.

falled to repeat those efforts lest season Docklands Merc: No promise from three runs in maldens (two on AW) lest term borress Filly: Placed as a 2yo in malden at Warwick and handicap loff 60) at Wolver-hampton, both over 7l. Below form since and also earlier on only run on soft surface VERDICT: There are major doubts over this field, not least over BETTRON who re-hased to race last time, but his form is way in advance of nearly all his mosts and he acts on soft owned Stierthead Sties and Manie Powers are the most field industrial.

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3.	10	KINGFISHER HANDICAP (CLASS E) £3,500 added 1m 3f 183yds Penalty Value £3,008
1	00500-	ARDLEIGH CHARMER (167) (D) (Roalco Ltd) C Dwyer 4 9 10 R Firench 13
2	12600 -	REAR WINDOW (J NO) (D) (Dawn Build Ltd) G McCourt 5 9 4
3	2:25	STATE APPROVAL (10) (D) (X Nichols) D Shaw 694 R Mullen (3) 7
4		CHILDREN'S CHOICE (127) (D) (A M Bauch) J Pearce 6 8 13 A Polit (3) 9
5	1-0612	RIVER CAPTAIN (13) (D) (Joiners Arms) D Murray Smith 68 11 L Dettorn 15
ē		PLYING PUP (161) (BF) (T Leacheaser) & Morgan 5 8 10 M. Roberts 1
7		KINTAVI (J88) (CD) (\$ Taberner) T Donnally 9 8 10 Pat Eddery 12
8		MINUARA (7) (Mrs V Youell) J G Smyth-Osbourne 4 8 7 5 Whitnorth 14
9	/4621-	PETUNTSE (J135) (T Sanders) R Frost 5 8 6
10	00023-	CADMAX (153) (A J Alnohi) K Burle 4 8 4
ħ		MOONRAKING (13) (D) Light Ponton & Sons) Miss S Witten 6 8 2 N Politard (3) 4 B
12		KINTBURY (31) (Miss M C Fraser) P Cundel 4 8 1 Martin Dwyer 2
13		COUNT DE MONEY (16) (D) (Roland M Wheetey) S R Bowing 4 7 12 A Mackay 11

Meanum weight: 7st 10to. True handicap weights: Shambles 7st 6tb, Thrower 7st.

Minimum weight: 7st 10to. True handicap weights: Shambles 7st 6tb, Thrower 7st.

BETTING: 5-1 Filter Captain, 7-1 Ardicap weights: Shambles 7st 6tb, Thrower 7st.

Bittings, 10-1 Rear Window, Children's Choica, 12-1 others

1998: Kintan 8 8 10 C Lowther (3) 4-1 fav (T Donnelly) drawn (4) 11 ran

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Andleigh Charmer: Goes well under these conditions and is now just 2to higher than when gaining the last of his 4 wins lest season. Good chance if he is fit Rear Window: Won twice and was second twice on first four starts last season, showing that he acts on heavy ground. Poor form on four starts over hurdles in winter.
State Approval: Pan of 74 in 4W handicap last time after successful campaign in selers and claimers on sand. Races of 58 on first bur run since June 1997.
Children's Cholice: Inconsistent last term, now 3lb higher than for win at Newmarket. [tm4] good) in October. Has shown little since in two hurdles starts and two on AW River Capitain: Good second on sand at Southwell (tm4) last time and races off 8lb tower mark neer tarent on movever or only said on an in the income of the Physing Flips 2th higher than when winning at Notingham (Im2t soft) on reappearal last April by 5 lengths. Showed her form at Im4f and Im6f attenwards, Interesting Ontavit: The 1996 winner by 4 lengths off a 21b higher mark on soft ground after to rarm-up races. Disappointing after, Has had three runs over hundles, poor effort late warm-up races. Disappointing after. Has hed three runs over hurdles, poor effort latest Minjarat. Has fallen 22lb since handicap debut last May five starts ago. Outsider all starts and finished no better than 12th in any of those handicaps, including on soft Patuntse: No form over hurdles last auturnn for current stable. Won im selling hendicap at Yarmouth (good to firmt) in June on final start for Jeff Pearce. Unraced on soft Cadintac Placed in mit Handicaps at Pontertact (good to soft) and Newcastle (heavy; than of 5 to an impressive winner) last two starts. Fair chance if repeating that form Moonrakings: Runs off 42 here, whereas latest, AM start (won claimers over fin and fin4l in February) came off 66. Well beaten both runs on soft ground in 1998. Kintibury: Has had 3 runs in madens on AM early this year, fourth of 8 on debut (vin2t) at Lingfield but no form since over tim and fin4f. Bred to stay this trip. Count De Money: Receip off 38, compared to 60 on latest AM outing (below form). Count De Money: Races off 39, compared to 60 on latest AW outing (below form). Earlier won two fm4f handicaps at Southwell. Turi campaign was mostly at this trip Shaubites: Mauden, in traine in selling events and claimers, Including on soft ground. Should not be inconvenienced by conditions if fit, and has each-way chances. Thrower: 10th out of handicap and unraced on Flat since April 1997, but was a vastly better performer over hundles that winter interesting if fit after 474-day absence

VERDICT: Ardleigh Charmer, Rear Window, Flying Filip and KINTAVI all come into the rectoring on their soft-ground form from this time last year, and the 1996 winner of the race. Kintavi, looks particularly well treated today, River Capitain and Count De Money are most interesting of those with recent AW form, while Thrower is a possible told on the handicap but has been off the course since December 1997.

3	.40	GREYHOUND HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,250 added 1m 2f Penalty Value £3,815
1	00236-	8E MY WISH (111) (T Tran) \$ Woods 4 9 10
2	65300	SUALTACH (6) (Noel Sweeney) R Holinshead 6 9 to L Dettorl 7
3	1)44()	FANTASY NIGHT (180) (Windflower Overseas Holdings) J Dunico 4 9 8 Pat Eddery 6
4	332-0-	SWINGING THE BLUES (J124) (S B Components) C Dwier 5.93. M Henry 2
5	23004-	REGAL BRIDGET (185) (M A Wilders & J Wilders) B McMahon 4 9 2 W Ryan 9
5	5840-6	RESPOND (37) (8 V and C J Permot) G L Moore 4 8 t3
7	3600-0	TOP JEM (3) (D) (Norcroft Park Stud) M Ryan 5 8 12
8	C3-216	ZAHA (34) (Exclusive Three Partnership) J Pearce 4 8 11
9	10-223	HAYON JAMES (44) (D) (BF) (Resplendent Racing) P Harris 5 8 5 N Polland (3) 1
10		NEEDWOOD MYSTIC (7) (Needwood Racing Ltd) B Margan 4 8 4 M Roberts 5
11		POKER SCHOOL (45) (Ars J.L Brindley) M Bookey 5 7 11

BETTING: 3-1 Fentasy Night, 5-1 Scalact., 6-1 Swinging The Sloses, 13-2 Mayon James, 7-1 Top Jem, 10-1 Be My Wish, Regal Bridget, 12-1 others 1998: Protocol 4 9 tD C Teague (3) 9-1 (Mrs S Lamyman) chavm (5) 12 ran

FORM GUIDE Be My Wish: Won marden at Ascot (7t good to firm) last August and ran well most subsequent starts, for Gay Kelloway. Unproven on soft and unraced beyond tm subsequent starts, for Gay Nellaway. Unproven on soft and unraced beyond I'm Sealtacht 5 wins at Wolverhampton (including in January) and also won at Heydock (m, good to firm) last September. Used to go well on soft surface Stamma doubt Fertiasy Night: 2to lower than when winning weak race at Thirsk (tim4f, good to firm) in July Needs it soft back at first as is almost certainly deally suited by further Swinging The Blues: Won at Nothingham (Im, good to firm) and Redcar (5f, good to soft) in 1998. Below form on softer going at I'm. Additional stamma doubt at Imst! Regal Bridget. In farme in three maderat less was at Imst! Institute in second and the second control of the se soft) in 1998. Below form on softer going alt im. Additional stamma doubt at 1m2f. Regal Bridget in frame in three maderio test year at 1m2f, including on good to soft at Bath final start. Yet to race on anything softer Something to prove

Respond: Inconsistent filly who has been well below her best on her previous appearances on soft ground. Best ethorts over slightly shorter, but on good mark Top Jenn: Fourth of 12 off 78 at Nottingham (Im21 soft) lest March. Off 61 today, as form from June ornwards in 1938 was uninspiring. Showed up long way 3 days ago Zahas: Some pernise at long prices on good to soft in maidens early in 1998. Has tailed to improve much on that, but won a Southwell maiden (11) in February Heydri James: Three times a winner at around 1m21 in 1998, twice on fast ground on turt but has also run learly well once on actif. In good form on AW over winter Needwood Mystic: Showed some ability in maidens last August, but has made very little impact in handicaps (most on a soft surface). Ninth of 20 off this mark last week Polger School: Inconsistent in 1998. Broke long losing sequence in handicap at Southwell (11) in Jenuary off 58 and runs off 46 hers. Acts on soft going

VERDICT: Top Jem is on an attractive mark and may come on for her run earlier in WEITHOUTE IT to be used to a state of the week: despite ending up only 10th of 14 that day, she has to be considered seriously in a race in which many of her mais are unproven under the conditions. A more obvious contender, however, is FANTASY NIGHT, who has run well on soft ground and is from a stable that has looked in good form, even though this trip is short of his ideal.

4.10 TOTE HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 added 3YO

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1	021-	BOUND FOR PLEASURE (157) (D) (Action) G L Moore 97	K Fellon 3
2	021-	PAL OF MENE (208) (G Howard-Sprik) A Harmon 9 2	Deno C'Neill 8
3	62630-	JADE TIGER (163) (F C T Wison) B Meetran 9 0	Pat Eddery 8
4	33n-0	REX IS OKAY (5) (CD) (The Bellit Family) S Bowning 8 12	L Dettori 6
5	5430-	RETALIATOR (166) (C) (P G Ward) M Bell 8 8	
6	004-	ZULAL (USA) (150) (H Selem) E Duniop 8 8	
7	4033-	TOUS LES JOURS (USA) (170) (D) (J S Morrson) M Johnston 8 8	D Holland 5
ė	4406-0	APRIL ACE (13) (John Bresin) M Quan 84	Martin Dwyer 4
9	56564-	CAPTAIN MILLER (167) (D) (John Carey) M Channon 7 12	A Mackay 10
10		P2ZYGIG (117) (T D Holland-Martin) R Johnson Houghton 7 10	
_		- 10 declared -	_
BET	TING: 7-2	Pail Of Mine, 9-2 Bound For Pleasure, 11-2 Your Les Jours, 7-1 Res	is Oksy, 6-1 Re-

talletor, Captain Miller, 10-1 Jade Tiger, Zulai, 12-1 others 998: The Downtown Fox 3.9 4 R Cochrane 2-1 fox (B McMahon) drawn (5) 11 ran FORM GUIDE Bound For Pleasure: 5 lengths second of 5 to tititals in the Houghton Stakes at New market (7), good to firm) before winning 10-runner maiden at Lingfield (7), heavy) by 'h length from Yakareem. Sort to do well as a 3yo Pai Of Mine: Second of 11 in malden at Pontefract (50, good to firm) in August. 7-4

Par Or Milled: Section of in Infraster at Epsonn (6), soft) by 'N length, Will stay at least 7!

Jade Tiger: Placed in 6f marcen at Folkestone and fm nursery at Yermouth, on a sound surface. Below that form, however, on two runs on good to soft ground. Rex is Otay: Marked improvement to win nurseries at Leicester (7f, soft) and Doncaster (71, good to soft) last autumn. Headstrong, well beaten on return 5 days ago Retailator: Won nursery at Leicester (61, good to firm) last July. Similar form atterwards off this sort of mark. Stays 71, but having first run on a soft surface today Zulai: Well beaten when co-favourile on debut but showed more afterwards, never placed to challenge when tourth of 11 in maiden at Redcar (7f, good to soft). Reported to have

choked and swallowed tongue in that Redcar race fous Les Jours: Won nursery at Beverley (7t, good to firm) in August and had solid form over trn on soft pround atterwards. Type to do better as a 3vo April Ace: Won Bath maiden (61 soft) last June. Poor on last 3 runs as 2yo and did no better (last of 10) in AW handicap on return, 12to lower than penultimate turf start ary debut. Better chance though on win in Lingsfeld maiden (7f, good to soft) Fizzygig: Made debut only in November, when seventh of 22 in maiden at Doncaster (6) good to soft). Twice accomplished little on Wolverhampton AW

he probably also had the option of riding one of his chief rivals, Zulai, whose final effort last term so caught the eye. TOUS LES JOURS looks a solid alternative with plenty of soft-ground form, while April Ace and Captain Miller are both well treated on

VERDICT: Kieren Fallon's booking for Bound For Pleasure looks significant, as

4	.40	KEYTHORPE MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,250 added 3YO fillies 7f Penalty Value £3,789
		ARCTIC CHAR (Miss Glore Abbey) B Meetsen 8 11
1		ELENII (The Absolutely Fabulous Partnersho) Miss G Kallemay 8 11 Diane O'Neill 2
1	500-	KAROWNA (197) (Holding Partnership) B McMahon 8 tl Reld 8
		LOWNDES COURT (Sheich Motermined) M Tregoring 8 11 L Debort 1
	0-	LYRIST (225) (Saeed Manana) C Brotan 8 11
	003-	PENYBONT (157) (A J Mercer & Mrs S Mercer) M Sell 8 11
	400-	SELVER GYRE (160) (Mrs. Joan L Egan) D Winde 8 11
ı	06-	TAMGEED (USA) (157) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) J Duniop 8 11
1	00082-	WHY WORRY NOW (157) (N Hayes; R Hannon 8 tl

BETTING: 7-4 Lowndes Court, 3-1 Why Worry Now, 7-2 Penybont, 8-1 Tamgeed, 10-1 Elenii, 20-1998 Oh Hebe 3 8 11 W R Swenburn 9-4 (P Harris) drawn (7) 7 ran

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Arctic Chair: 40,000-guinea filly by Polar Falcon out of a smart sprinter who has produced several winners Elenii: 3.200-guines filly by Risk Me out of modest sprint maiden who cidn't train on Karowna: Outside when in med-division to modest sprint maiden who didn't train on Karowna: Outside when in med-division in three 7th maidens on a sound surface as 2ya. Will probably have to improve markedly on that form to win here Lowendess Courts Solse filly out of a lightly-raced Chiefs Crown mare. Has to be repecied with these connections, and chance should be indicated in the beth Lyrist: Cozzene filly, first foal out of a half-sister to Insh Guineas winner Prince Of Birds. 16-1 from 6-1, last of 12 in maiden at Kempton (7f, good to firm) last August Persylvont By Unfurvain out of a 71 winner, Clearly the form pick on her 2% lengths third of 20 to Balkada in marden at Lingfield (71, heavy) last October Silver Gyre: Well-bred filly, raced for Lynda Ramsden in 1998. Fourth of 7 in Beverley mauden (71/4, good to firm). Behind in valuable cales race and Doncaster maden amgeed: 430,000-gunea daughter of Woodman from an outof 19 in Newmarket maiden (GL good to firm; 20-1) and south of 10, with Panybont about 18 lengths ahead of her, in similar event at Lingfield (14-1) Viny Worry Now: Progressive in five runs as a 2yo, second of 10 in nursery over this C&D (soft) in October. Should be in the frame again VERDICT: PENYBONT and Why Worry Now have shown their effectiveness on

LINGFIELD

HYPERION 2.00 Wadi 2.30 Gracious Pienty 3.00 Compton Akka 3.30 Tallulah Belle 4.00 Squire Corrle

4.30 Priors Moor GOING: Standard.

STALLS: Inside except 51-7m - outside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low best up to fm, especially for 5f

Equitaxis surface; left-hand, sharp undulating course.

E course is on B2228, Staten adjoins course. ADMISSION: Club

C15, Family Enclosure C10. CAR PARK: Club E3; remainder free. FIVE-YEAR STATISTICS

LEADING TRAINERS: G L Moore 95-655 (138%), M Johnston
49-297 (77%), R Hamon 49-379 (129%), G Kallewiny 45-335 (134%),
LEADING JOCKEYS: A Clark 79-622 (127%), J Weaver 70-325
(215%), S Sanders 65-564 (15%), R Cochrane 58-359 (162%),
FAVOURTES: 759-2240 (338%),
TONGUE STRAP: Mendoza, Sawlejan (200), Kanawa (A30),
BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Wed (200), Enchanted late, Silk Wing
(300), Toblersong (430). FIVE-YEAR STATISTICS

2.00 MANNY BERNSTEIN FREEPHONE SELLING STAKES (G) 52,500 1m 2f SCHOOL REPORT OF THE STATE OF T

10 \$2505- \$P\$#07HEPROCEDES (232) WG M Turrer 3 7 12 __P Doe (2) 9 -10 delard -BETTING: 5-4 Van Gurp, 7-2 Jubilee Scholar, 11-2 Wadi, 8-1 knineka-galo, 16-1 Mendeza, Zygo, Spendiheproc-Ede'x, 20-1 others JUBILEE SCHOLAR is consistent and well drawn so he is given the vote. Wad would win confortably if he retained any of his former ability but that is by no means certain.

2.30 MANNY BERNSTEIN TRADE DIVISION MAIDEN STAKES (D) £5,250 1m 2f BARRETTSTOWN (117) M Ppc 4 9 10 ... J Weaver 2 43-422 WILD NETTLE (20) J Fox 5 9 5 P Dobbs (7) 4 0 ROOKIE (205) C Cyser 3 8 5 T Quinn 5

-6 declared BETTING: 1-3 Gracious Planty, 8-1 Rookie, 10-1 Wild Nettle, 12-1 Barvetistown, Sabie, 33-1 Survival Venture FORM VERDICT
GRACIOUS PLEMTY looks to have a smple task and she should win this before going on to better things. Barrettstown surely has more about your han he has shown to date and con chase the favourite home.

3.00 MANNY BERNSTEIN EARLY PRICE TEXT HANDICAP (E) \$3,500 3YO filles 7f

derze 7st 45, Sik Wing &st 45, BETTING: 9-4 Dresm On Me. 3-1 Compton Alda, 9-2 Done And Dusted, 11-2 Red Venus, 8-1 Rendta, 14-1 Nicholes Mistress, 25-1 others

FORM VERDICT COMPTON AKKA makes more appeal at the weights than tellow pacesoriter Dream On Me and, nothwithstanding a be-low-pay run last time, has solid prospects on her earlier form in this ordinary-looking contest. Given the possibility of these two blazing away in front and being vulnerable to son running on from off the pace, Rendita has each-way 3.30 MANNY BERNSTEIN 'RAILS' BOOKIES CLASSIFIED STAKES (D) 25,250 1m 4f

- 4 declared -BETTING: 2-1 Talkdah Belle, 9-4 Banbury, 5-2 Space Race, 5-1 Opera Burt FORM VERDICT Today's weights have TALLULAN SELLE who is meeting her three rivals on torms 7-10th botter than she would in a hand-leap. She should stoy today's longer trip and only the spectro of a backed overt reduces confidence in her chance.

4.00 MANNY BERNSTEIN BOOKMAKERS CREDIT DIVISION H'CAP (C) 19,000 51

FORM VERDICT

soft ground and hor Lingfield form suggests that Penyborit has clearly the best chance of those with racecourse experience. Newcomer Arctic Chair made some money as a yearling, though nothing to compare with that which Sheith Hamdan forlied out for Tampeed. Lowindes Court would probably not have to be a start to win first time out, while Lyriclist has a pedigree which suggests much better than her debut effort.

This will be fast and furious. TEAR WHITE proved he does not have to dominate when winning here a fortnight ago and weighted to confirm his superiority over Consultant and Spender. He handles this track really well whereas Jackie's Spender. He handles this track really well whereas usince a Baby and Antonia's Double lack Equitack expensions and Aljaz has never done it here Squire Corrile is an infrequent winner nowadays write Batchworth Bettle could be well treat-ed but a making her seasonal reappearance from the out-

4.30 MANNY BERNSTEIN BOOKIES 'DOU-BLE RESULT' H'CAP (F) \$2,750 1m

2500-6 STOPPES BROW (40) (C) (D) G L Moore 7 10 0 ...

- 12 declared -8ETTING: 7-2 Garnock Valley, 9-2 Skip, Jig, 5-1 Priora Moor, 7-1 Kafil, 8-1

FORM YERDICT A competitive finale, Garmock Valley has been running well but at fixely odds over a longer tro than he has tedded before the value is surely elsewhere. Priora Moor ran well over iden cites

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C&D when last seen in January white Kaffi has to be feared if on a going day, but STOPPES BROW is attractively handcapped even with top weight and with the binkers back on looks primed to run a 5ig race.



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Refocused Lara the key to triumph

The remarkable turnaround has reaffirmed cricket's positive force in the West Indies. By Tony Cozier

THE CARIBBEAN awoke yes- after its election victory in Jan- deserved was the sack. Campterday morning still in a state of uary, and "West Indies cricket is" intoxication, literal as much as metaphorical, following the West Indies remarkable one-wicket win over Australia at Kensington Oval on Wednesday in what the Barbados Daily Nation's front page headline called the "Test of the Century".

A celebratory motorcade was organised to accompany the triumphant team from its Bridgetown hotel to the airport as they headed for Antigua for the fourth and final match of an incredible series that starts on Saturday. One radio station recommended a public holiday on the quite logical grounds that the government had declared one

more important than politics". A caller to a phone in pro-

gramme was adamant that the captain Brian Lara deserved at least a second BMW to add to his garage for his masterful, matchwinning 153 not out. Another wanted first innings centurymaker Sherwin Campbell to be given a plot of land by the Barbados government.

A month ago, after the West Indies had fallen for their lowest Test total, 51, in the first Test in Port-of-Spain for their sixth successive defeat to add to their humiliating 5-0 whitewash in South Africa, the groundswell of opinion was that the only thing Lara

HIGHS AND LOWS OF BRIAN LARA

1984: The youngest of seven brothers from Santa Cruz, Trinidad. Lara plays under-19 representative cricket at 15. 1987: Makes first-class debut. Captains West Indies Under-23

team against Pakistan. 1988: Leads West Indies to first Youth World Cup In Australia. 1989: Captains West Indies A.in Zimbabwe. Becomes youngest captain of Trinidad and Tobago. 1990: Makes Test debut against Pakistan in Lahore. 1993: Scores first Test century

against Australia in Sydney. Goes on to score 273 1994: Makes 375, highest score in Test history, against England In Antigua on 18 April. Joins Warwickshire and becomes

first player to score seven centuries in eight first-class innings. Unbeaten innings of 501 against Durham sets highest score in first-class cricket. Helps Warwickshire record an historic treble, winning the County

Championship, Benson and Hedges Cup, and Sunday League. Asks to be released from his three-year contract. 1995: Announces his retirement at a West indies team meeting during tour of England after a clash with captain Richie Richardson. Per

suaded to change his mind. Pulls out of tour of Australia at last minute after being fined 10 per cent of his fee. Threatens to quit the game.

1996: Receives written reprimand from the West Indies' Cricket Board after several outbursts. Named International Cricketer of the Year.

1997: Leads West Indies to vic-

tory in his only Test as captain against India when Courtney Walsh is absent through injury. Confirms he is to return to Warwickshire and is made captain for 1998 season. 1998: Replaces Walsh as West Indies captain after they lose Test series 3-0 in Pakistan, Sacked as captain in November after a pay dispute with the Board. After four days of talks in a Heathrow hotel he is reinstated and the South Africa tour goes ahead. The West Indies are beaten 5-0 - their first whitewash in Test history.

1999: West Indies bowled out for their lowest score ever - 51 - in the first Test against Australia. He hits a superb double-century to win the second Test by 10 wickets. Scores unbeaten 153 to win the third Test by one wicket.

bell, recalled to the team for the first time in a year, was out for nine and nought and his future was again in doubt.

The transformation has been so swift and dramatic as to be incredible. Even in their 71 years of fluctuating fortunes, the West Indies have never known anything like it. Few teams have.

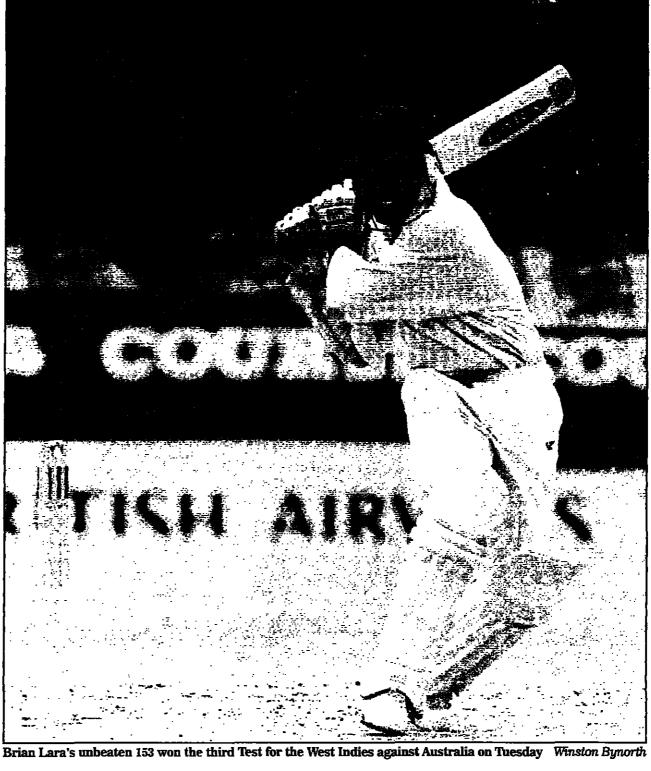
Within a week of the first Test demise, they were comfortably winning the second by 10 wickets, inspired by an innings of 213 by Lara as devastating and critical as Tuesday's that earned them a second successive victory over opponents justifiably recognised as contemporary Test cricket's strongest team.

The change has corresponded directly with the transformation of Lara the batsman and Lara the man. Before his Kingston double-century, 15 Tests had passed without the gifted left-hander scoring a hundred. In that period, he averaged 35.42 against an overall 50 while others like India's Sachin Tendulkar and the Waugh twins were enhancing their claims as the game's best batsman.

Lara seemed to have lost his focus and appetite for the big scores that he so regularly reeled off in the years when his 375 against England in the Antigua Test and his 501 for Warwickshire against Durham became new records for Test and first-class cricket in the space of six weeks in 1994. Following two modest Tests

against New Zealand in the Caribbean in 1996, he complained: "Their sort of attack was not a great motivator." It spoke of a dangerous arrogance. He neglected his cricket, paid more attention to his golf - and paid

The Board squarely blamed



competitive upstairs so that stands in Wisden in the "re-

that contributed to the poor performance in South Africa", told him he needed to make "significant improvements in his leadership skills" and put him on probation as captain for only two Tests of the current series.

As he himself acknowledged; it was the jolt Lara needed.

"You've got to realise that no one individual could be responsible for something as disastrous as South Africa," he said. "I've played a part and I must hold some responsibility but I've improved as a person, even outside of cricket, living life day-to-day. him for weakness in leadership and that's most important. As

you get older; you get wiser, I suppose," he added, just over a month short of his 30th birthday on 2 May Those close to the team cor-

roborate his self-appraisal. They say Lara is more at ease and involved with his players than he has ever been, encouraging suggestions, listening to problems, advising and cajoling them.

Following the South African debacle. Lara asked the Board to appoint a sports psychologist. "Maybe we need some sort of

field," he said at the time. When Michael Holding suggested similar help for Lara two years ago. he was pilloried. In these parts, such help is viewed with suspicion. The attitude may have changed since Dr. Rudi Webster was taken on board prior to the Australian series.

He is a 59-year-old Barbadian. a medical graduate from Edinburgh University and onetime fast bowler for Warwickshire with an analysis of help outside of cricket that 12.4-7-6-7 against Yorkshire at would make the guys more Edgbaston in 1964 which still

they can be competitive on the markable analyses" category. He has kept close to West Indies cricket since managing the team during Kerry Packer's World Series Cricket when the present manager, Clive Lloyd, was captain.

"It's as though we've gone full circle," Webster, who prefers the title performance consultant", said.

Lara recognises him as "a positive influence" - but there has been no more positive influence on the people of the West Indies, to whom cricket is virtually a religion, than Lara

Warne in danger of being dropped

BY PAUL SHORT

SHANE WARNE and Ian Healy are facing the unusual prospect of being left out by Australia for the fourth and final Test against the West Indies in Antigua on Saturday.

The West Indies' dramatic victory on Tuesday saw Australia go 2-1 down in the series, and the tourists' captain Steve Waugh hinted yesterday that changes will be made.

"It's always tough when the top players are out of a bit of form, but I look at myself," Waugh said. "People in the past have shown me respect and a bit of faith and hoped that I pulled through in tough times. But the bottom line is we've got to pick a side to win the next Test match, and if either of those guys, Healy and Warne, aren't in the best 11, then they won't be there.

"No one has the right to be in the side or has a right to a place. and if I don't get runs I expect someone to take my spot. Heals has done it for 115-odd Tests and Warney for 70-odd, so they know how to do it - but we've also got to pick our best side... it will be a difficult one."

Warne, yet to look his old self since shoulder surgery last April, faces his moment of truth when he sits down with fellow selectors Waugh and coach Geoff Marsh to pick the team. There is little chance Australia will persist with their twin legspin attack of Warne and Stuart MacGill, who took one wicket each in the third Test.

Wicketkeeper Healy, struggling with calf muscle problems, dropped Lara when the home team were seven runs short of their one-wicket victory, and has failed in this series to come up with the handy runs he usually provides in Australian lower middle-order.

Matthew Hart was a surprise inclusion when New Zealand named their 15-man squad for the World Cup yesterday. Hart, who will back-up fellow left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori, has not played for the Kiwis since 1996. NEW TEALAND WORLD CUP SOUAD S P Fleming (capt), N J Astle, M J Horne, C D McMillan, R G Twose, C L Cairns, A C Parore, C. Z. Harris, D. J. Nash, D. L. Vettori M.N. Harr, S.B. Douil, G.R. Larsen, C.E. Bulfin

Wisden cites club 'apartheid'

MATTHEW ENGEL, the editor of BY DAVID FIELD Wisden, claims that a form of racial segregation is operating outsiders into a club's often in the English club game.

Engel suggests in his notes, which launch the 136th edition of Wisden, that "cricketing cial structure. They have beapartheid" has become "accepted practice" in England. He of little ways." also argues that English cricket should be benefiting more and the West Indies.

"In an informal, unspoken, very English way, cricketing apartheid has become an accepted practice in England." claims Engel.

"I know of nothing that constitutes active racial discrimination in English recreational cricket. But there is a great deal of what could be called passive discrimination, a refusal to go

clannish atmosphere. The effect is that black and Asian players are operating outside the officome second class in all kinds

The English Cricket Board challenged Engel's claims and from the influx of post-war im- insisted that there is a commigrants from India, Pakistan mitment to tackling all forms of match umpires in Adelaide. discrimination within the sport.

Richard Peel, the ECB director of corporate affairs, said: "While we would never seek to be complacent about the dangers of racism and are committed to addressing the problem whenever it occurs, current evidence does not suggest that a 'system' of discrimination operates within the game."

Two Sri Lankans have been

five cricketers of the year. Two the bribes affair, in which the months after leading his team Australians Shane Warne and to a mid-match boycott in Aus- Mark Waugh were found guilty tralia, Sri Lanka's captain Arjuna Ranatunga made the too an bookmaker. five list as Wisden's 136th edi-Engel said Dalmiya knew tion was unveiled. So did his

team-mate Muttiah Muralitharan, whose controversial bowling action sparked the 15-minute stand-off between since bodyline. Sri Lankan players and the

The 1999 almanac also names two English players – fthe ast bowler Darren Gough and the all-rounder Ian Austin - and the South African batsman Jonty Rhodes among the top five. Wisden plans to name its five cricketers of the century in its 2000 issue.

Engel also called for Jagmohan Dalmiya to resign as the International Cricket Council an extra inch and welcome named among Wisden's top chairman over his handling of

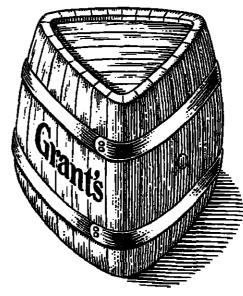
of taking money from an Indi-

about the bribes affair for almost four years before it was made public. He describes the scandal as the worst crisis

"It is eating away at cricket's most vital asset - its reputation for fair play." Engel writes. "Bodyline was easily solved by amending the laws. This one is far harder to control. Cricket's response so far has been pathetic, almost frivolous.

"Dalmiya almost split world cricket trying to take charge of ICC. Having succeeded, he has given the game no leadership whatever. He should resign and be replaced by someone capable of providing that leadership."

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granted a decent pace, coming here fit and in-torn
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Lord High Admiral is taking on weaker than normal but with the likes of Bowolfi and Johavro in opposition it will be touch up from ear ly. With the Les Eyre stable back in form, this can go to the SANS RIVALE, who has ideal conditions and

4.20 LINKFIELD CLASSIFIED STAKES (F) £3,500 added 3YO 1m 4f

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BETTING: 6-4 Jane Ann, 3-1 High Tatra, 7-2 Minty, 7-1 Susvi Frankie, 8-1 Parte Prima, 33-1 Sharp Endorg FORM VERDICT A pappy race in which the form of three of the run-

ness is extremely hard to quantity. HIGH TATRA is one of them, but having shown a gimmer of ability on has final run as a 2yo he is the charge to make the long trip up here pay off. The fact that he is his trainer's only runner on the card moties he must be somewhere near ready. Minty is the pick of the three that have raced

4.50 STONEYHILL MAIDEN H'CAP (CLASS E) £4,000 added 3YO 1m

Diletto, Myttor's Homent, Combined Venture, 10-1 Turtle, But-tersectich, 12-1 others FORM VERDICT TURTLE has a decent enough chance on his best 2yo form and Mark Johnstons horses have already hit some

BETTING: 4-1 Square Dancer, 7-1 Fallachan. Wonderful Man, 8-1

The man behind Cardiff's new stadium believes it will be the best

in the world.

By Chris Hewett

THE GUTS are still hanging

loose from the body; umpteen

miles of electrical wiring, heat-

ing pipes and reinforced steel cables, all left dangling with no

particular place to go. Twentyfive thousand seats have been

slotted into place, which sounds

rather impressive until you re-

alise that another 47,500 are still

awaiting installation. And the

pitch? Ah, the pitch. Not a sin-

gle blade of state-of-the-art,

criminally expensive, "pal-

letised" grass will be placed

upon the hallowed ground of the

old Arms Park until a dozen

monstrous cranes evacuate the

site at some point in early

Yet Cardiff's Millennium Sta-

dium, the most impressive Weish sporting structure to

grace the game of rugby union

since Bob Norster won his last

line-out, will be ready on time.

What is more, it will take the

Glanmor Griffiths, the chair-

man of the Welsh Rugby Union,

is not alone in his opinion that

this uniquely cantilevered Palais

des Sports - complete with its

retractable roof, its riverside

walkway and its cafe society

restaurants - will prove a snip

at £100m (or £120m, depending

before - an obsolete, 52,000-

capacity stadium with a few toi-

lets and not much else - and

now marvel at the thing we have

put in its place," he said during

yesterday's announcement of a

22m sponsorship deal with the

brewers, Bass. But more per-

suasive, somehow, was the con-

tribution of a fast-talking East

Coast American by the name of

Todd Staley, who oversaw the

building of Atlanta's Olympic

Stadium in the three years lead-

ing up to the 1996 Games and

is now the Millennium Stadium

"It will be the best stadium years."

"Think of what was here

on the latest estimate).

breath away.

Mitchell leaves Sale in search of pack with punch JOHN MITCHELL cut a pretty

dangerous figure during his days as a mean-eyed All Black No 8 but, in the eyes of one or two hard-pressed Premiership directors of rugby, he must appear far more menacing as an ambitious coach without a club to call his own. Mitchell, the for-

mer Waikato captain whose impressive record with the England forwards will add considerable weight to his CV, walked out on Sale yesterday after an uncomfortable few months in which he made no se-

Adrian Hadley takes over as head of rugby at Heywood

cret of his desire to move to a

bigger concern.

BY CHRIS HEWETT

you're pressing me, I'm not

sure I know of any stadium in

the world that competes with

this one in terms of viewing

lines and flexibility. The crowd

you're sitting in the front row the game will be about six

metres away from you. The feeling of involvement will be

same as it was with the old

Arms Park, but with the crowd

sitting down in comfort, out of

the wind and rain. I don't think

there will be any stadium to

challenge this for a good 10

will be so close to the action; if

Road after a stint as team manager - he will be answerable to Graham Walker, who yesterday experienced an interesting first day as Sale's new chief executive - while Jim Mallinder, the popular thirty-something fullback who won two England caps in Argentina in 1997, is likely to take over the lion's share of the coaching. The club issued a statement thanking Mitchell for his success in guiding them to a cup final and semi-final in successive years, but the parting of the ways was undoubt-

edly less than harmonious.

three years ago, Mitchell has been one of the more colourful figures in the domestic game, a reflection both of his "do it right or don't do it at all" approach to man-management and his status as one of the highest-paid coaches in the Premiership. Sale occasionally scaled the heights under his stewardship but despite the emergence of the odd highclass player, David Rees and Alex Sanderson in particular, he was unable to piece togeth-

Wales would open the new sta-

dium with a game against

South Africa, the world champ-

ions, on 26 June in front of an

audience approaching 40,000 -

the largest crowd for which

the local authority is likely to

grant a safety certificate at

that stage. The capacity will rise

for the two August interna-

tionals with Canada and

place for the World Cup open-

er with Argentina on 1 October.

The chairman insisted that

those dates and figures were

Griffiths confirmed that probably meant precast con- pristine piece from the in-goal

er a match-winning pack. The frustration was mutual: last week. Mitchell was roundly criticised at a players' meeting. Where he goes now is any-

one's guess, but he will not be short of offers. Neither Newcastle nor Wasos employ a frontline forwards coach, although both have successful directors of rugby in Rob Andrew and Nigel Melville, while Gloucester remain in a state of back-room flux in the aftermath of Richard Hill's abrupt sacking. Mitchell may even fancy a move to Bath. although Andy Robinson appears to have emerged intact

Massive cranes dominate the Cardiff skyline yesterday as the building work continues on the new 72,500-seater Millennium Stadium

crete, judging by the amount of

the stuff lying around on site.

"next generation stadium", he

might also have been describ-

ing the proposed playing sur-

face. The grass will be

delivered in pallets measuring

"The beauty of this stuff is

1.1 square metres and laid over

vrable," he explained. "If there

are damaged areas around,

say, the half-way line, you can

lift the section without killing

the space of a fortnight.

France, with the full 72,500 in that it is completely manoeu-

"cast in stone", although he the grass and swap it with a

When Staley referred to a

A monster for the Millennium

from his mid-season doldrums. Meanwhile, Bath suffered a departure of their own vesterday when Ieuan Evans, one of the finest wings of his generation, announced his retirement options in the absence of Olivitwo months ahead of schedule.

The 35-year-old Welshman, who won a record 72 cans for his country and made three Lions tours, had not played since mid-January because of a toe injury and saw little prospect of regaining form and fitness before the end of the season, when his contract was due to expire.

area. Again, if you're going to hold a concert or an exhibition

on site, you don't have to cover

the pitch and hope for the best.

pampered Red Dragon profes-

sionals, they will enjoy creature

comforts on a Bridesheadian

scale; indeed, the six physio-

therapy beds and six jacuzzis in

the Welsh dressing room might

prove counter-productive,

given that no-one in his right

mind would want to swap so

cosy an environment for an af-

ternoon's bump and grind

As for Rob Howley and his

You can lift it right out."

France yesterday recalled Yann Delaigue, the gifted midfield player from Toulouse, to their squad for the Five Nations finale with Scotland in Paris on Saturday week and pulled in the uncapped flanker Christian Labit, also from Toulouse, to bolster their flagging back-row er Magne, Marc Lievremont

and Philippe Benetton. Marc Dal Maso, the Colomiers hooker, and Thierry Cleda, the ballwinning second row from Pau. were also named in a 22-man squad, replacing Marc de Rougemont and David Auradou respectively. Thomas Lombard, the Stade Français wing who missed the Tricolores' 21-10 defeat at Twicken-

Purnas. When Staley was asked

if visiting teams would be treat-

ed equally royally, he replied:

"Oh sure. It's just that they'll

get the exhaust furnes from the

car park in their dressing

room." He may have been jok-

With the 600-strong, round-

the-clock workforce about to be

almost doubled for the final

push towards completion, Staley

has never been more confident

of meeting his deadline; indeed,

he was 99 per cent certain of

beating the clock, even when the

WRU's dispute with the neigh-

ing, but then again...

ham through injury, returns for Philippe Bernat-Salles. Labit is no spring chicken most players make their mark at international level long before the age of 28 - but he is 6ft 6ins and weighs an impressive 17st. "We have chosen to give a chance to in-form club players

and Labit is playing well," explained the French team manager, Jo Maso. "It's up to him to seize his opportunity; he is very tough physically, he is fast and he is powerful." The complete opposite to the French back row at Twickenham, then. In Scotland, union officials

construction team access to

water and, staggeringly, suffi-

cient airspace to swing their

cranes. "You get peaks and val-

leys in this job and you en-

counter particular problems

with a city centre site, but we've

headed and the milestones we

had to reach," he said, his New

the cranes will be gone, the

pitch will be laid and the Welsh

will have a palace fit for kings.

All they need now is a new

In a little over two months,

Jersey swagger in full flow.

always known where we were

were caught on the hop by the decision of Tennents, the brewing giant, to exercise an opt-out greement and cut their sponsorship ties two years earlier than expected. The company blamed the uncertainty surrounding the future of the domestic game in Scotland.

France squad, Digest.

Cotton's ready make tand LIEWELLYN will this morning he is to star-

announce that he is to stand in the election for chairman of the Rugby Football Union's management board at the annual meeting in the summer.

Cotton, the former Lions and England prop forward, has been a fierce critic of the RFU and the way it has handled the game's affairs domestically and internationally since rugby entered the professional age four years ago.

Despite the settlement when the English clubs agreed to participate in the European competitions next season. Cotton is still not happy with the state of the union.

"No one could be more delighted to see us back in Europe than myself," said Cotton vesterday. "But I still feel more has to be done for the game in this

His decision to stand for the chairmanship will pit him against the present chairman, Brian Baister, and Cotton explained his reasons for the move. "Over the last few months a large number of clubs and individuals have asked me to do this," he said. "I have felt dismay at what has been happening."

Cotton, who has been proposed by Coventry and numbers his former 1980 England Grand Slam team-mate Bill Beaumont among his four seconders, feels, among other things, that the RFU did not give the game's world governing body - the International Board - enough support during the last four years of turmoil

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Something which particularly sticks in Cotton's craw is the Five Nations flasco of a couple of months ago when England were expelled and then reinstated in the space of 24 hours. "That was a ridiculous situation," said Cotton. "that we were challenging an accord that we had signed. The expulsion and subsequent reinstatement 16 hours later brought the game of rugby in this country into disrepute."

Cotton denied that his decision to stand in July's meeting would cause yet more internal strife at Twickenham. "What is needed," he said, "is a strong management board. At the moment the RFU is not providing any leadership and the game is lurching from crisis to

"It is unacceptable that the people who have caused all the problems are not brought to account. It would be unthinkable in any other organisation. This is something that has to be resolved once and for all.

"The RFU should be regarded as a blue chip organisation in everything it does. I feel England should once more play a leading role in world rugby. Right now we are marginalised on the IB, with the other 84 countries totally

Since arriving in England Ayer juggles with individual

style to become a team man

FROM A distance Toby Ayer appears as Hollywood's idea of the perfect physical being. Taller than most, and honed down to 16 stone of fat free elastic. enclosed in a taut. freckled skin and topped with a straight red beard and tiny ratstail. Central Casting could put him down for any Garth or Willy Garvin part to match Schwarz-

enegger or Stallone. Close up, you think instead of his namesake "Freddy" A J Ayer, Oxford philosopher and him up and found he had Belgian ancestors, so no relation sadly," he said. You can see the intelligence shine out of Ayer's eyes and forget the massive shoulders underneath. This guy has perseverance. At 3.30pm on Saturday he is going to row in the boat race for Oxford after two years in the re-

serves, Isis. A loser in 97 but a stunning winner in 98. That is two years of knowing you have the physical material for the job, and the desire, but somehow not being able to translate that into the boat-moving skills that get you picked for the top boat.

Each time he has seen younger, weaker men preferred because they had the knack of combining their effort

The philosophical student with Hollywood looks has been given his chance at Oxford. By Hugh Matheson

with the other seven men It was frustratingly slow he has to become absorbed in more effectively. They got progress but I was feeling the more boat speed for less effort. At times like that from behind changed much physiologically your back and even to your in three years at Oxford but I face you hear the coaches say- fit in better now. Each year ing: "If only we could harness there is a high turnover in a unithat strength and get more out of him" when all the time you are pulling your guts out with of and be absorbed by the every fibre devoted to proving group them wrong.

Ayer, the Rhodes Scholar and philosopher, takes his time to answer. "It is because I am more consistent in technique

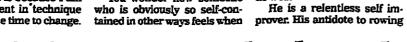
improvement. I have not versity club and this time I was able, early on, to feel part

That is important for the can succeed within it."

feeling of confidence that you You wonder how someone

"Except in rowing I tend to be, not a loner exactly, but separate from groups," he said. ") seem to form longer attachments to few people". So he chose Oxford to fulfil his academic ambition of a D.Phil. in linguistics. "I'm interested in semantics really, the meaning of words," he explained. "It is a little appendix to philosophy." The rowing suits him fine

He is a relentless self im-



THE BOAT RACE crews continue to box clever in the last three days before Saturday's contest, writes Hugh Matheson. Oxford have remained aloof and, with the crews complaining of some tiredness, will do even less for the last three

sions of preparation. Cambridge have showed alarming switches of form, allowing their reserves a sniff in to work off unfulfilled ambitions. the first pair of two-minute

Cambridge make the length rows and showing real author-

ity in the second. There was more excitement in the veterans' race, in which the oarsmen have to average more than 40 years and to have rowed for the university. Curiously both colours rely on reserve crewmen from Isis and Goldie. Perhaps they try harder and carry on rowing longer

The Cambridge veterans led

from the start but allowed Oxford to take a small lead as they came towards Barn Elms. However, after that the race was wrecked with a series of clashes in which, among other damage, the Oxford No 6, Tom Cadoux Hudson, completely sheared his stretcher and was obliged to complete the race pressing on air. Cambridge needed no second chance and cruised on to win by a length.



which neatly encompasses the aesthetic and the physical. while relying on no one else, is his search for excellence in acrobatics and juggling. Most oarsmen are very strong in their own discipline but clumsy and inept outside it. Aver sets targets and meets them.

I would like to be reliable with nine balls or seven pins. Rowing has stopped that for the moment because it would take at least an hour a day of practice which I don't have right now." He has won two Varsity matches as a juggler, not a common feature on the CVs of aspirant academics. "I will apply for academic jobs after 2000 but right now I have another year in Oxford to finish the thesis, and to row," he said. Ayer is not prepared yet to be as president of the dark blue club but it would certainly suit this serious and dedicated man to finish the job he began in the

Why organisers can't see Woods on the tees WHEN A change of date for the

BellSouth Classic was announced shortly after Tiger Woods won the event last year, the then world No 1 was quick to send his regrets to the organisers: he would not be back to defend the title. It is rare on the US Tour for the immediate nast champion not to return the following year, unless there are unavoidable circumstances.

What was unavoidable for Woods was that the event now fell between the Players' Championship and the US Masters. His preparations for Augusta do not include playing the week before, unless it is in practice with Mark O'Meara at their home resort of Isleworth in Orlando, Florida. For the last two years the winner of their pre-Masters match has gone on to don the

green jacket. But, as the Geoffrey Rush character in Shakespeore in Love kept insisting, things have a funny way of working out for prize fund by \$700,000 (£443,000) with the winner receiving \$450,000 - exactly half the sum David Duval collected for winning the Players' but still a tidy sum - the BellSouth organisers have been rewarded by the presence of the world No 1 after all. Duval's victory in Florida BY ANDY FARRELL in Duluth, Georgia

meant he overtook Woods at the

top of the world rankings. Given the pouring rain for the pro-am at the TPC of Sugarloaf, a luxury estate on the north-eastern outskirts of Atlanta, staying in the Sunshine State might have been the better option. There was no choice for Greg Norman, however. The Shark will miss the tournament for the second time in the three years his course has hosted the event after being confined to bed with a fever.

While Duval is hoping just to ep his game ticking over for the Masters - where he was second last year and for which he will be the favourite along with Woods - for others this week is an important stepping stone to Augusta. Colin Montgomerie, Nick Faldo and Ian Woosnam are all here, along with Jose Maria Olazabai, Miguel Angel Jimenez, Jesper Parnovik and Gabriel Hjertstedt.

Both in terms of location and quality of course, this event provides a better preparation than playing in New Orleans has in previous years, something both Montgomerie and Faldo eschewed. "If you look at the way Tiger won last year, whoever wins here will have to play good golf," Montgomerie said.

You can't afford mistakes." Too many mistakes led the Scot to his second successive Sunday round of 79 last week. Monty was a shot off the lead early in the day before the collapse set in but perhaps this week represents a better chance to break his duck on the US tour, as Lee Westwood did in the equivalent week last year. Despite last week's extremes

of good, leading after nine holes, and bad, getting disqualified, Faldo remains optimistic that he is close to recapturing his past precision. "Technically, I know it is really good," he said. "On the range. I am hitting whatever shots I want, just the way it was before. I have to go out and do it on the course. Fve got defensive and wooden."

Faldo knows how quickly it can all come back, having practised poorly before beating Norman to win the '96 Masters. But his last win was the LA Open the following year. "I was in such control then but a week later it was not there," Faldo added. "I have struggled since then but I have won tournaments in worse shape than I am. It's a ridiculously fine line."

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THE West Ham United manager, Harry Redknapp, has hit out at Uefa's decision to virtually guarantee a place in their cup competition next season to Newcastle - and so deny entry for the team who finish fifth in the Premiership.

Rund Gullit's Magnies have been almost guaranteed a nlace in Europe next season by European soccer's governing body even if they lose their FA Cup semi-final against Tottenham next weekend. This follows confirmation that one of England's three Uefa Cup qualifiers must come from the FA Cun and means that the side finishing fifth in the Premiership sare likely to miss out.

Spurs have already qualified for Europe by winning the Worthington Cup, and the other two teams left in the FA Cup - Arsenal and Manchester United are almost certain of a place in the Champions' League.

So Arsenal or United would have to finish outside the top three in the Premiership for Newcastle's place in Europe to Premiership than it is to finish be taken away from them. The fourth in the FA Cup."

FOOTBALL

BY TOMMY STANIFORTH

only other way that Newcastle would lose out is if one of those clubs failed to finish in the top three but went further in the con than Gullit's side

Either way West Ham, who are currently occupying fifth place in the Premiership, fear they are in danger of losing out because of the ruling and Redknapp said it was a strange and disappointing decision.

"Whoever it affects, it is the wrong way to decide it," he said. "How can they give it to a team who might get knocked out in the semi-finals of the FA Cup. It doesn't make sense to me, but then half the decisions made by people who dictate what goes on in football don't make sense to me, so this is nothing new.

"It takes away the incentive for the clubs chasing that Uefa Cup place via the League. Surely it is a much greater achievement to finish fifth in the

Palace given lifeline with rescue package

MARK GOLDBERG, the Crystal BY IAN PARKES Palace chairman, is confident his club face "a new beginning" after a rescue package to secure their survival was officially approved yesterday.

The First Division side's directors were granted a High Court administration order allowing Palace to continue in business, despite debts of £22m. The corporate recovery spe-Mists, Moore Stephens Booth White, have been appointed as administrators to implement a cost-cutting rationalisation plan as quickly as possible.

The new administrators have reported an "excellent itors having a better chance of recovering their money than if the company had been placed in receivership.

A positive Goldberg, who sound financial base." will be funding the administration personally and not by player sales, said: "Today's court has returned to Rangers on a order marks a new beginning free transfer.

wearing crucifixes and rosary

"The Resurrection of David

Reckham":

heads would cause offence.

for Crystal Palace Football Club." The plan has the backing of Ron Noades, the Selhurst Park landlord and former Palace chairman.

total expenditure of £1.8m up to the end of July, with funds available to cover this amount, including an immediate cash injection of £750,000 on the making of the administration order. Simon Paterson, who repre-

sents MSBW, added: "We have

a united board behind us and

As part of the expenditure

A cash flow forecast showed

look forward to working with Mr Goldberg and his team to bring Tootball clubs who have previously gone into adminis-

plan, the defender Craig Moore

DAVID BECKHAM was unaware was nothing to do with religion," cently so it must be this picture.

that the pictures used by Time Mr Beckham said. "I think it He wasn't thinking about any-

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"David is not that stupid to

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"To be honest, David was just the pictures were brilliant. He is derogatory at all. It is just a

Out magazine displaying the was done about two months ago Manchester United midfielder and if they have held it delib-

The England international is taste. The last thing David

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Beckham's father Ted in- as he knows, it was purely for

sists that his son believed the a fashion shoot. I spoke to him

photographs would be used the other day and he said he

solely for modelling purposes. had something coming out and

doing some fashion photos. It hasn't done anything else re-

the magazine with the headline: fence to people.

condemned Uefa's decision as a "mistake" and vowed to make representations to ensure that the same situation does not

occur again next season. Premiership clubs, who were opposed to the current rules at their last meeting, believe that a team should only qualify for Europe if they win the FA Cup, although they can see the argument in favour of the losing finalists. However, under current regulations, if all four FA Cup semi-finalists had already qualified for Europe, Uefa would have been left with the even more ridiculous scenario of having to organise a play-off among

Mike Lee, the Premier League's spokesman, said: "We have made extensive reoresentations on this matter. We do not agree with Uefa's position and we believe that the place should revert to the fifth-placed Premiership side instead of the losing FA Cup semi-finalists."

the losing quarter-finalists.

Britain's efforts to stamp out hooliganism took a step forward yesterday with the publication of proposals to stop convicted hooligans from travelling abroad. The proposals, outlined in a key parliamentary report on football-related legislation, also advocate a clampdown on racist chanting.

"Millions of people each season enjoy going to football matches to watch our national sport," the Home Office minister Kate Hoey said. "Yet this enjoyment can be ruined by the destructive and selfish actions of a very small, but disproportionately high-profile, minority."

Of the 29 proposals put forward, only two - an alcohol ban and a new offence of likelihood to commit a breach of an order have been dropped through lack of support. Plans to prevent people convicted of footballrelated offences from attending matches were welcomed.

Southampton's hopes of Preaged yesterday when they learned that their Moroccan tration have ended up leaner import Hassan Kachloul will be with the world champions. and fitter as a result, with a away on international duty for France, in St-Denis on Saturnamed in Morocco's squad for their African Nations Cup clash against Togo 24 hours later.

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"If you look at the clothes,

Mr Beckham added: "It was

they are just fashionable

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you read into it. I don't think it

BY GEORGE THOMAS

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Three Argentinian young- DICK ADVOCAAT, the Rangers

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only seven minutes before showed no mercy to the min- mania in a strong position to

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drawn three, moved on to nine points and into second place of a group also containing France and Russia. In Moscow the Russians

the 3-0 defeat of Armenia on ond in the group and earning a play-off berth. They now have Iceland, who surprisingly six points from five matches.

five matches after a hard-earned 1-0 win in Azerbaijan. Florentin Petre was the hero for the visitors, scoring the only goal in the 49th minute. The result puts Roqualify, especially after two of It was the home side's sec- Hungary and Slovakia, could ond victory in four days after only manage a goalless draw with one another in Sovakia.

Estonia beat their Baltic ri-

leaders had to settle for one slim chances of finishing sec- vals, Lithuania, 2-1 in Vilnius with two goals from Sergei Tereboy, a result which took the Estonians to second place in

Ilic aims to defy Yugoslav FA ban BY NEIL SILVER THE YUGOSLAVIAN goalkeeper Sasa Ilic has declared himself available to play for Charlton this weekend. But whether or not he faces Chelsea at The Valley on Saturday will be decided at the last minute by the Charlton manager, Alan Curbishley. Ilic has gone against the Yugoslavian Football Associa-

In normal circumstances Ilic would start as first choice. Simon Royce is injured; Andy Petterson has played just one game for the club this season. and Mike Salmon has not featured in the first team for more than a year. But Curbishley will wait until after training on Friday before deciding whether or not Ilic is mentally right for such a big game.

tion's advice to their players by

making himself available for se-

Ilic, whose home nation is under attack from Nato forces, will not give interviews but he issued the following statement: "As I am sure you will appreciate, the last week in particular has been an extremely difficult time for me and my family.

"I have a number of close relatives and friends living in Yugoslavia who have been affected by the Nato bombing campaign and I fear for their safety. As someone living and working in England, I equally would not wish to see British casualties from this campaign.

"Some fellow Yugoslavian professional footballers playing around the world have chosen not to play for their clubs in protest at the Nato bombing a decision which I support and understand. However, in my position, I feel that by choosing to play for Charlton Athletic I will make a greater contribution by remaining in the public eye."

Curbishley admitted that at the beginning of this week he did not think Ilic would be able

"I have told Sasa I will make the final decision," Curbishley said. "He wants to play but he has had a difficult week.

"On Monday I didn't think he would be up for it, but he has gradually improved. Players are asking him what's going on

all the time, and in my position "I understand the Yugoslav FA have been asking their players not to play. It is a mixed situation, and we haven't had any response from them. But perhaps there will be some now

Sasa has made his statement." Australian-born Ilic was pictured this week at Downing Street with fellow countryman Sasa Curcic, of Crystal Palace. Curcic carried a placard in support of his homeland around Selhurst Park last Sunday, but Ilic will be discouraged from

any such act by Curbishley. "It is a difficult position he finds himself in." Curbishley said. "You don't know which way he is being pulled when he is away from the training ground. He is getting information direct from Belgrade which we are not party to.

"But I have told him it can be time-consuming and not conducive to playing professional football. Sasa has made his statement in Saturday's match programme, and I don't think he will be going around the pitch with any other message."

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Ukraine frustrated by Iceland matches having won two and Group Seven with 11 points from

Andorra's Justo Ruiz challenges Valery Karpin (centre) of Russia in Moscow yesterday. Russia won 6-1

UKRAINE AND Iceland both maintained their unbeaten records when they drew 1-1 in their European Championship Group Four qualifying match in Kiev vesterday, but the result will hardly be seen as a satisfactory one by the eastern Eu-

The group leaders Ukraine. who had the best of a 0-0 draw the game at Aston Villa on 10 day, were fully expected to take April. Kachloul has been all three points against supposedly weaker opposition at home and, after dominating in the first period, were reward-

Beckham in picture controversy Advocaat happy to stay

sters are currently training

with Manchester United as a re-

sult of Sir Bobby Charlton's ef-

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Sir Bobby, the former Unit-

ed and England midfielder, ini-

tiated the agreement with

President Carlos Menem whilst

in Argentina discussing the

England campaign. The three

youngsters, who joined United

on 21 March and will remain

with them until this Saturday,

are Santiago Kuhl. Claudio

Ortiz and Mauro Marchano.

World Cup 2006 bid.

ed with the first goal when Vladislav Vashchyuk scored However, their lead lasted

> Stoke City's Larus Sigurdsson nows of the group, Andorra, Ukraine pressed hard for a winning goal but a massed Ice-

> landic defence held out bravely. ensuring that the group Saturday and keeps alive their point which takes their tally to

are also unbeaten after five

manager, vesterday hinted that

he may be ready to extend his

current Ibrox contract which is

due to expire at the end of next

The Dutchman has also clar-

ified last week's well-publicised

remarks which gave the false

impression that he found Glas-

Advocaat yesterday out-

lined how settled he feels at

Rangers and reaffirmed his

ambition of achieving long-

term success for the club. He

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course conditions. The 1500m swim.

40km cycling race and 10km run will be held on Notre Dame Island in the

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said: "I feel I am just at the

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Romania moved to the top of the Group Nine table.

start here at Rangers. We are seemed to be dark in Scotland. building a firm base and when but yesterday explained that David Murray [the Rangers this was merely a result of his chairman) wants to discuss my contract. I will be happy to do so. I made a commitment when I signed and I am think- and when we go home, it's ing in the long-term with my plans for the team. There is ab-

the year. "We want to improve the club for more than one year, it is a three to five-year plan." Last week Advocaat told a Dutch magazine it always

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long working hours. "What I was saying was that when we start in the morning, it's dark. dark because we arrive at around 8am and finish around solutely no reason for people 6pm at night. "I just wanted to give the imto suggest I'm leaving within

pression of how hard we all work here at Rangers, not just me but everyone. The fact Γve not seen the countryside is because I have been so involved with the club."

FOOTBALL RESULTS

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GROUP NINE

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BASKETBALL MBA: Detroit 93 Acianta 77; Boston 109 Charlotte 95; Toronto 101 Cleveland 91; Orlando 100 Mere Jersey 98: Minnescota 98 Daltas 78; New York 94 Indiana 93; Chicago 97 Filladelphia 81; Mineaulee 107 Washington 105; San Antonio 95 Seattle 87; Vancourier 103 Denver 87; Golden State 93 Portland 90; Houston 104 LA Clippers 95; Sacramento 304 Utah 101 (od).

BOWLS ... GREENALLS SPRING WATERLOO: (Black-pool) Second rounds G Curran (Liverpool) by C Shakeshaft (Srockport) 21-16; K Hall-wiorth (Ashton-under-Lyne) by P Hanker (Offeroon) 21-18; R Sutron (Longridge) by E Raynor (Chadderton) 21-29; A Wolfe (Thornby) by C Nelson (St Armes) 21-20.

CRICKET South Africa added the limited-overs south Arma access the arraces one's series by three games to two to their lest triumph against New Zealand when the final one-day match was washed out yesterday. The sixth game was abandoned because of rain on Tuesday and the Basin Reserve ground in Wellington was still too wet to allow any play yesterday.

FOOTBALL Earl Jean, Plymouth Argyle's St Lu-cian international striker, has been released to join the Trinidad side W

Connection. Dundee United have beaten the transfer deadline by signing the 24-year-old Celtic winger Brian McLaughlin on a short-term deal unthe end of the season. The Park-ad club released him from his petract, due to end this summer. so he could move to Tayside. The striker Yang Chen became the first Chinese player to join the Bun-desliga when he signed a two-year Contract with Eintracht Frankfurt,

the German First Division club, on Peter Reid has been named Na-tionwide League First Division manager of the month and will be presented with the award on his fourth anniversary in charge of Sunderland today. The Wearsiders won all five of their First Division matches during March including victories over promotion rivals Bradford and Bolton. Ray Mathias is the Second Division recipient after his Wigan side won three of their four March league games and also reached the final of the Auto Wind-screens Shield. Barnet's run of three wins and a draw pulled them clear of trouble at the foot of the Third Division and earned John Still

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Stade Français-CASG), P Pelous, F Tournaira (both Stade Touloussin), RUGBY UNION

SPORTING DIGEST SQUASH

The Squash Rackets Association announced yesterday that Potters Bar, the Hertfordshire club which failed to field a team to face Capiration to ried a team to race capital One Nottingham in Tuesday's first semi-final leg of the SRA National League, have been expelled from this season's event and banned from entering next season's National League.
The decision will result in Notting-ham qualifying for their first ap-pearance in the final on Tuesday 20 April.

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SRA NATIONAL LEAGUE Semi-finals first leg: UNW Northumberland 2 UK Packaging 3: Capital One Nortingham 5 Potters Bar 0.

EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPI-ONSHIPS (Vienna, Ant) Men's quarter-finals: N Matthew (Eng) bt R van der Boogard (Neth) 9-1 9-3 9-1; G Gaultier (Fr) bt A Manso (Sp) 2-9 5-9 9-2 9-6 9-1; A Grant (Eng) bt A Whipp (Eng) 9-1 9-6 9-3; R Gamer (Eng) bt B Golan (Sp) 9-2 9-0 9-2. Semi-finals: Gaultier bt Matthew 4-9 9-7 6-9 9-5 9-2; Grant bt Gamer 9-4 9-4; Finals Grant bt Gaultier 9-5 9-0 9-0. Wilsonen's quarter-finals: T Hannes (Bel) bt E Sado (Sp) 9-3 9-7; O Heuser (Swit) bt S Leifels (Ger) 0-9 9-7 10-8 5-9 9-6; N Clark (Eng) bt D Linyd-Walter (Eng) 1-9 5-9 9-6 9-2 9-3; V Lankester (Eng) bt G Schmohl (Swit) 10-9 9-5 10-8 Semi-finals: Hannes bt Hauser 9-5 5-9 i0-9-5; Lankester bt Clark 9-6 9-2 9-3. Finals: Lankester bt Hannes 9-1 9-3 9-6.

SWIMMING On the eye of the world short course championships in Hong Kong, Fina. the world governing body, has es-tablished a special task force to tackle drug abuse, underfining its resolve to stamp out the problem. An ex-traordinary congress had approved the setting up of the Doping Con-trol Review Board.

TENNIS WIA FAMILY CIRCLE CUP (Hilton Head, South Carolina) Women's sincia (Sp) bt 5 Cacic (US) 6-3 6-3; R Grande (It) bt: A Stevenson (US) 2-6 6-4 7-5; E Makarcus (Rus) bt L Nesland (Lat) 6-4 6-0; Majok (Coa) bt E Gogistrá (Svar) 7-5 5-7 6-4; S Piischie (Aut) bt B Rittner (Ger) 6-3 6-2; M A Sanchez Lorenzo (Sp) bt 1 Panova (Rus) 4-6 6-4 6-3; S Parma (It) bt N Po (US) 6-2 7-5; E Likhovtseva (Rus) bt 1 Snyder (US) 6-0 6-3; O Banbanschwox (Bela) bt K Brandi (US) 7-5 7-5; I Raymond (US) bt C Black (Zim) 6-4 6-2. Second round: N Dechv (Fr) bt A Mauresmo (Fr) 6-4 0-6 Or Cabox (2m) 644 675 Section From 644 6-6 64; A Coetzer (SA) bit Makarova 6-3 7-5; Zuerea bit 7 Suarez (Arg) 6-3 6-1. Novot-na (Cz Rep) bit C Crissa (Rom) 6-4 6-4. Leon Garda bit A Sanchez-Vicario (Sp) 6-4 6-3. 9 Schett (Aut) bit B Rippiner (US) 6-3 4-6 6-2.

GEROBANK TOUR (Sunderland) Men's Singles, quarter-finals: N Gould (Avon) bt S Harston (Esse.) 6-4 6-4: P Hand (Barle) bt J Marray (Yorks) 6-3 6-3: J Smith (Northanes) bt J Fex (Unics) 6-3 6-2: R Hanger (Dorset) bt D Cravriey (Norfolk) 6-2 6-0. Semi-finals: Gould bt Hand 6-0

TODAY'S FIXTURES FOOTBALL (7.30 unless stated NATIONWIDE POOTBALL LEAGUE

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JJB SPORTS SUPER LEAGUE: Bradford Buils v Leeds Rhinos (7 30) BASKETBALL BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Edinburgh Rocks v Birmingham Bullets (8.0)

OTHER SPORTS

BOXING: World Boxing Union cruiser weight championship: R Norton (Stourbridge v.) Mofokeng (SA, holder) (at Aston Villa)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Shaquille O'Neal and Rick Fox of LA Lakers were fined for a four-man brawl.

Montreal will stage the world championships from 11 to 12 Septem ber. Munich was originally granted the 1999 championships, but the In-ternational Triathlon Union took the event back because of unsafe

St Lawrence River across from cen-TODAY'S **NUMBER**

The number of dollars (£8,125) which basketball players Kurt Thomas and Chris Dudley of NY Knicks and

LARA IS BACK WITH THE BES

Draw ends Northern Irish hopes

JUST LIKE Moldova's crumbling Republic Stadium, Northern Ireland's European dream lies in pieces following a noscore bore in Chisinau yesterday. Only a win would have done for Lawrie McMenemy's side if they were to keep their faint hopes of qualifying for Euro 2000 alive, but the point gained from this dull encounter leaves the Irish well behind the Group Three leaders with just five points from five games.

The result may even spell the beginning of the end of McMenemy's reign. The former Southampton manager's contract with Northern Ireland expires at the end of this qualifying campaign.

McMenemy had gambled on the untested Bournemouth striker Stephen Robinson for what was his most important match since taking charge. But the move failed as the 24-yearold Robinson struggled to bridge the gulf in quality between the Second Division and

England's Hungary trip in the balance

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION views of clubs may also be has said that the Balkan crisis would have to deteriorate before England's friendly in Hungary at the end of next month

Speculation has already begun as to whether the match can go ahead, given that Hungary borders Serbia, where Nato are currently carrying out air strikes in response to the bloodshed in Kosovo.

One report indicated that the game on 28 April was to be have to deteriorate from how it called off due to the proximity is now for us to go that far land of Budapest to Belgrade about 180 miles – and the threat of terrorist attacks. The safety of the players will be the FA's main consideration, while the ceed."

BY DAVID ANDERSON in Chisinau

Northern Ireland

He could make little impact on the match, apart from getting in the way of a Keith Gillespie effort in the first half. In truth the Irish generally created very little, although lain Dowie appealed in vain for a header which he felt had crossed the line.

McMenemy had told his captain, Steve Lomas, to push forward at every opportunity in support of Robinson and Dowie, and he went close with a 25-yard shot early on.

Gillespie also tried his luck to cannon off Robinson. Michael Hughes made his mark on the game and Oleg Fistican's legs on 13 minutes when he chopped down the

taken into account. However, because the game is almost a month away, no immediate decision will be taken. Games in Macedonia and Yuof qualification.

goslavia had to be called off last weekend, while the Bosnian team were unable to fly out to Scotland, but Hungary did play a Euro 2000 qualifier at home to Liechtenstein last Saturday. Steve Double, an FA spokes-

man, said: "The situation would call the match off]. But we are monitoring the situation and will take the Foreign Office advice on the correct way to pro-

Moldova, whose last competitive win was almost four years ago, stirred briefly and Igor Oprea's cross precise cross from the left was headed just over by Alexander Sukharev. That effort brought the home fans to life, although Northern Ireland's small travelling band of supporters were also making themselves heard.

Maik Taylor proved he was not suffering any after effects from Saturday's 3-0 defeat against Germany when he made a fine save from Sergiu Epureanu's 20-yard free-kick. Then just before the interval, Sergei Kleshchenko played in Vladimir Gaidamaschuk, only for Darren Patterson to halt him.

There was little to pierce the gloom after the break, the game plunging to new depths from the right only for his effort of tedium and the Moldovan crowd presumably wondering if the entertainment on offer was really worth a day's wages.

Kevin Horlock became the third Irish player to be booked in the 61st minute before Aaron Hughes came on for Patterson two minutes later.

Midway through the half came the moment when Dowie felt he had scored. The Queen's Park Rangers striker got his head to Lomas' long throw in, but the Croatian referee ruled that Sergei Dinov had palmed the ball away before it could cross the line. With that decision went any lingering Irish hopes

Chismau), Galdamaschuk (Sheni Tiras-pol). Epureanu (Zimbru Chismau). Kleschenko (Zimbru Chismau). Substi-tute: Stratulat (Nistru Otacı) for Oprea,

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NORTHERN IRELAND (A-4-2): Taylor (Fulham): Patterson (Dundee United), Horlock (Manchester City). Williams (Chesterfield). Morrow (Queen's Park Rangers): Lomas (West Ham), Gillespie (Blackburn Rovers). Lennon (Leicester City). M Hughes (Mimbledon): Downle (Queen's Park Rangers). Roblason (Bournemouth). Substitute: A Hughes (Newcastle United) for Patterson. 56.

Hussain called up for Sharjah CRICKET BY DEREK PRINGLE NASSER HUSSAIN has been

called-up to join the England World Cup squad. The Essex captain, who replaces the injured Michael Atherton, will join his team-mates on 5 April, two days before England's first game against Pakistan in the Coca-Cola Cup in Sharjah.

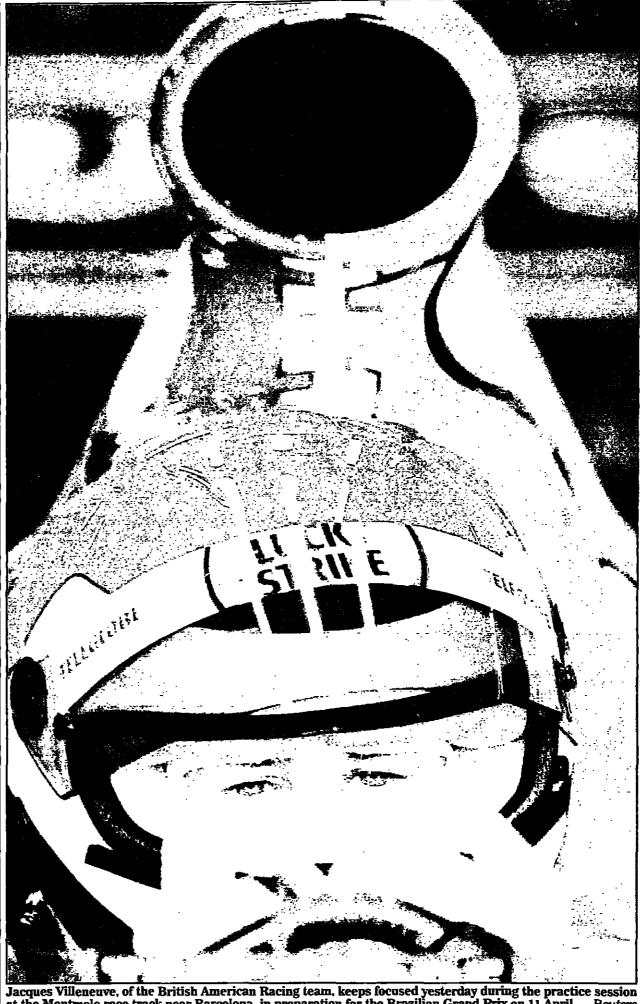
For Hussain, omitted from the original World Cup squad despite several fine performances in the recent one-day series in Australia, the late call will no doubt feel like poetic justice.

"Obviously I feel really disappointed for Athers," Hussain said. We grew up together in cricket and his back problems are a real worry for English cricket. Other than that, I feel elated. When I was left out of the original squad I felt completely empty. Before that I thought I'd had a pretty good tour of Australia, but the disappointment of being left out changed that perception."
But if the younger Hussain

would have let that initial disappointment eat away at him for the rest of the summer, the mature one decided to pour his energy into getting Essex in shape for the new season. "I'd only just got the disappointment of not making the World Cup squad out of my mind when I heard on my car radio that Athers had pulled out. Naturally all the emotions I'd only just dealt with came flooding back. It's been a nail-biting few days."

England's selectors, mindful of yesterday's deadline, had to make their decision quickly, no mean feat with Graham Gooch in Essex. Mike Gatting in the Algarve and both David Graveney and Alec Stewart in Pakistan. But the obvious candidates were few and it was always likely to be a choice between Hussain and Mark Ramprakash.

The tour manager, David Graveney, said: "He [Hussain] may not be an opener but he would be one of the first names on your list in a Test match scenario, which would be fair evidence of his technical prowess, and his fielding capabilities are



at the Montmelo race track near Barcelona in preparation for the Brazilian Grand Prix on 11 April Reuters

peal hearing and, perhaps,

seeking half a million pounds

worth of damages from the

now defunct British Athletic

Federation after having her

drug ban overturned on appeal.

has spent more than £450,000 on

with his parents, does not have

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Walker, who lives at home

"This is just the beginning, not

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In the last week Bitel, who

expressed anger yesterday that

the findings of the original UK

Sports Council test had still not

been communicated to Walker,

said he had contacted the pres-

ident of the Spanish athletic fed-

eration, Jose Maria Odriozola,

a professor of microbiology,

who is refusing to proceed with

a doping case involving the

Spanish pole vaulter Dana Cer-

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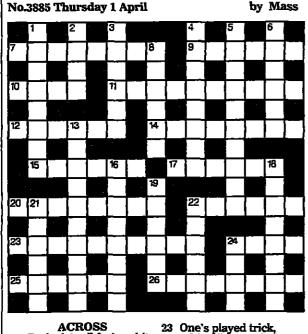
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THE THURSDAY CROSSWORD



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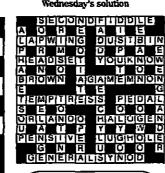
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Concerned with trick?

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> "I never thought things would go this far." He repeated his assertion that he was innocent, but

Walker suspended in a drugs 'nightmare'

DOUG WALKER'S hopes that he would have no case to answer following the adverse findings shown up by a doping test last December vanished vesterday.

The European 200 metres champion was suspended pending a disciplinary hearing after the UK Athletics drug advisory committee announced - belatedly - that there was enough scientific evidence to warrant further investigation. If the suspension is upheld, Walker faces the maximum ban of two years.

The news was broken to the 25-year-old Edinburgh athlete at around 9.30am as he travelled to a press conference at the Law Society building in Chancery Lane - a venue that could turn out to be entirely appropriate if. as seems likely, this case becomes a matter of pro-

tracted legal wrangling.
Looking dazed and close to tears. Walker described the situation he now found himself in as "a total nightmare". He has always maintained his innocence since a urine sample taken in an out-of-competition test on 1 December revealed metabolites - processed traces - of nandrolone, a banned

The initial findings reduced the former Scottish schoolboys and Heriot's FP rugby player to tears, and he confessed that he had cried again yesterday as he passed on the latest finding to his father. David, back home in Edinburgh.

"I am shocked," Walker said.

- for which there is no date yet upholds his suspension, Walker will have to organise an ap-BY MIKE ROWBOTTOM

admitted that he did not have an explanation for the findings. "Like many other athletes, I have used protein supplements. but everything I have taken has been well guided," he said. "There is no reason why there should have been an adverse finding. It's quite ironic because I was always dead against drugs. I was always one of the cynics when I heard people

denying they had taken stuff." Asked if he had a message for even own a car, although he did remark yesterday that his people back in Scotland, the mother Janet had a B reg man who had carried the flag of Honda Civic that might fetch St Andrew at last year's Com-£300. It was a rare moment of monwealth Games responded: levity in what was a traumatic "Keep the faith. It may take a few experience for him. months, but I will be cleared. You the end," said Bitel, who said that have got to believe that when you are innocent." nandrolone metabolites could be

Walker has already dipped into his savings to hire legal advice. Now, as his legal representative Nick Bitel observed yesterday, things start to get really expensive. If the hearing



Walker: Reduced to tears

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arcelle d'Argy Smith is famous for her years at Cosmo but now she has found another passion politics. And by this she means euro politics. She even claims to love Brussels. I think that this is strange but then realise that such a fetish would fit well with her Cosmo past. She loves Brussels so much, in fact, that she is standing as an MEP for the new Pro-Euro Tory Party. This, despite the fact that she is a socialist. I mention this inconsistency to her. She shrugs as if to say, well, everybody makes their mistakes. This is true. I can't help but notice that every-

one I talk to before this interview seems mistaken about Marcelle. They do not want to know her views on the euro. "Orgasms," they say. "Didn't she say you could have 10 before breakfast? Ask about that."

I arrive well past breakfast, thank goodness, and find Marcelle in a snit, albeit an elegant one. It seems that she has taken against photographers because a picture has appeared that makes her look like "Ann Widdecombe's very cross older sister". She is locked in Geneva-type negotiations with The Independent's photographer Tom Pilston. Marcelle is wary Tom is patient. He says that he is trying very hard not to say the words "Trust me". Marcelle agrees that he should not utter those words: "Never trust a man who says trust me. It's so corny but with carry " it's true!"

I retreat to the front room of her flat near Hyde English Park There are two large sofas and a coffee table a pessentary v decided the that is burdened with books about Europe. Some are hardbacks. Now that is dedication. A Diptyche candle is burning. Prokofiev's Romeo in Faces, Miller Garage and and Juliet is blaring. Marcelle enters carrying a glass of peach-flavoured water. Negotiations have stated and, in the cooling off period, the and Aber Stewart in Files **的复数形式的现在分词** interview begins. I say that I have to ask her about the orgasm thing but that we could leave it until last. She laughs. I say that we are going be a rhouse between Histo to talk about politics and I swear that she looks a little startled.

Grand B. Hall It is impossible to have a straightforward conmay not be at 1979 versation with Marcelle d'Argy Smith. Every model for one of the second question leads to an answer that is best described as a maze. In print this may seem a bit ditsy but in person it is not, perhaps because her voice is low and her delivery can be rather thoughtful Her accent is unplaceable and certainly does not reflect Leigh-on-Sea in Essex, which is where she grew up an indeterminate number of years ago.

Fun is a favourite word and she is undoubtedly fun to talk to as she intersperses her eurobabble with random thoughts on men, sex and life in general. These seem the verbal equivalent of a Cosmopolitan cover line. She was famous for these when she was editing the magazine in the early Nineties, and she certainly hasn't lost her touch.

On Europe she is gushing and says that she has felt like this since she was 21 and lived in southern France. This intensified as she travelled round Europe for 12 years while editing International Art and Antiques Yearbook. She has been a member of the European Movement for some time. "So," she says, "when John Stevens was casting around for candidates, somebody told him to call me." She says that Mr Stevens, an MEP who broke away from the Conservatives last year, is not an unattractive man. "He has an obscene amount of brown shiny to me and eyeball me and say: are you a lesbian? hair, Did I say Byronic? Well, I don't know what Oh, I would be thrilled! But..." Byron looked like. I suspect that he had more defined cheekbones."

She did not take his call at first. "I had put my back out and was in agony. I was crawling to a Figham physic on all fours in the taxi. Then I was on a deadline, writing a piece on what it feels like to be publicly fired. Yes, from Woman's Journal. That's right. Being publicly fired had no effect on me whatsoever. Those sorts of things don't affect me." She stops talking for a moment

and spends a moment beaming.

She then jumps to another subject, saying that she adored a man called Vincent Hannah. I say that I remember him, the broadcaster who died suddenly a few years ago. She tells me all about a lunch they had and then, finally, comes the point. "It was one of the things he said about his life. He looked at me and said that it is very important in life that you keep on re-inventing yourself. I thought that was really interesting. You do, you know. You just have to go and do something else. I never know what it is going to be, by the way."

I should steer her back to politics but instead I comment that it can be difficult to go back to things. "Well, you can sometimes go back to men," she says, her voice now almost a whisper Oh really, I say, "Well, I think if you've exhausted each other then you can't. But there are often people who have a sort of dalliance and it just passes and then they meet again when all William Hague: 'flat-earther'



Sex and the single currency

formation now."

Marcelle d'Argy Smith is famous for telling Cosmo readers everything they need to know about orgasms. But now she has a new passion. Politics. And she's set her heart on Brussels

brilliant thing going.

So has she done this? She dodges the question and says that she is a believer in the saying that goes: "Everything you say should be true but that is no reason to tell all the truth." She does not like to talk names or specifics. "I'm an editor. One of the great things about being an editor is that I've learned to edit what I say. It's not fair on me or the men. But people do come

I interrupt. What about the phone call from John Stevens? "Oh yes, so I talked to him. I said the thing is I'm a socialist. He said we should meet anyway." They did, at the Chelsea Arts Chub. Marcelle likes it there because she can go there when she "looks like rat shit". She demanded that he be grilled by her friend AA Gill. He agreed. They talked about the euro timetable and Marcelle was appalled to realise the situation was worse than she thought. Labour won't hold a referendum until after the election and

the corners are rubbed off and that is the most it would take several years to introduce the euro after that. She says that that brings us to 2006.

"That is simply too far away."

We are all being kept in the dark because Tony Blair and Gordon Brown are afraid to come out and say they believe in the euro. "I happen to know they do." she says. She says we are the least informed people in Europe. "We know nothing about what the euro would do for us. There has been no information given to us. We've got an extremely hostile media. All we hear about is that the Germans are still warlike and that we will have French laws and have to pay for the Italians. It is all wrong.

She draws breath, "Look. I've been paid by Woman's Journal until August. Yes, that's true. It's very rare that you get a tiny space like this and I can throw myself into this. How can I get elected? I probably can't. But from now until June, boy, can you raise the debate."

Marcelle wants to push for two things. The first is getting rid of William Hague whom she calls a "flat-earther". She prefers Kenneth



Ken Clarke: 'he loves bis wife'

Clarke, anyway, "He is far more modern. He's relaxed, he sits back, he likes jazz. He loves his wife. They chat around forever." I interrupt. So what is the second thing? "We can press this Government. What we are demanding - if not demand then ask, insist, pressure, make a fuss about - is that we have a referendum within a year. That means information now. We need in-

The phone rings. Earlier John Stevens had rung and Marcelle had invited him to a soiree that evening at a magazine called The Erotic Review: "He didn't answer other than to say that he's led a sheltered life," she says. I suspect that all that is about to change. This time the call is from Any Questions, "Yes, well, I'll have to read the papers." she says. Marcelle says that the press is only interested in her because of the "freak factor".

I say that it must be terrifying to be on one of those shows and she shakes her head. "It's funny what you are terrified of. Dinner parties. I could never give a dinner party. Terrified of it." She says that she would rather sleep with a man than have a dinner party because then there are only two people who would know if you screwed it up. It seems a good time to mention the orgasm factor. Did she ever run an article on 10 before breakfast? "No, I was too busy doing it. Noooo, of course I didn't."

It's time for the photograph - Tom's patience has paid off - but first I ask her about her party politics one more time. Can you really be a socialist and a Tory simultaneously? "I don't think this is about that. This is an issue. Look, I'm Jewish. I look at the Chief Rabbi and he drives me insane. He is anti-gay. He is a fundamentalist. I cannot be a fundamentalist! I don't think that Labour is good or the Tories bad."

So what happens if she is actually elected on 10 June? Marcelle looks shocked. "Ahhh. Oh, that is something else. I haven't thought that far ahead. No. I haven't."



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Laying down the

Sir. The tragedy of Kosovo brings

home one obvious truth. The law

relating to non-intervention in the internal affairs of sovereign states

This concept was introduced to

expansionist powers such as pre-

war Japan and Nazi Germany. Its

effect has been to condemn large

sections of the world's population

to lives of unspeakable misery inflicted by some of the most

barbaric dictators in history. The fact that so many of these

dictators have seized power

phrase "sovereign state".

most likely to bring beneficial change in the world. How the

citizens of Iraq, Sudan, Kenya,

would welcome a system of

have in Britain.

for granted.

Serbia, Burma (the list is endless)

government similar to the one we

the main hope for good also has a monopoly of financial and military

power. Surely we have a duty to

use this power to ensure that all

people in the world are given the

hope that at some stage they, too, will enjoy the basic human rights

that the majority in the West take

The fact that we have made

mistakes in the past and the fact

that we cannot deal with all human

rights abuses at once do not alter

this fact. Inability to do everything

has never been a reason for doing

nothing. Injustice and denial of

basic human rights should no

longer be allowed to flourish

Cirencester. Gloucestershire

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Sir: Whether Nato's action in

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contains no express provision for

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The thrust of the UN Charter is

towards maintaining peace and

international co-operation and

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30 March).

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ADRIAN HASTINGS

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apart from any UN Resolution. For

Government turned a blind eye to

The present government has

recognised that what is happening

behind the shield of this

discredited concept of

national sovereignty.

STUART RUSSELL

Sir: Those who claim so

attack on Yugoslavia are

wrong. They ignore the

Genocide Convention.

How fortunate the world is that

illegally, without the consent of their people, adds a gruesome

irony - as well as hypocrisy - to the

Western democracy, for all its

faults, is the system of government

law in Kosovo

should be scrapped.

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Atlantic area, and the intendment seems wide enough to cover Nato's There is only one reason to condemn Nato action: the inability present initiative in Yugoslavia. of action confined to the air to That initiative can also be seen as the application of a concept of prevent the murderous activities rescue in the customary of paramilitary groups. Only ground froops can do that. If Nato international order and its specific does not want to risk its own target of ethnic cleansing may provide a useful precedent for soldiers in a ground war when it.

that Nato is doing.

indigenous inhabitants of the In Kosovo the die is cast and the time for debate is over; what is called for now is resolute pursuit of the chosen course and gratitude to those who are risking their lives

action to protect, for example,

nomadic people and the

and contempt for human rights [that] have resulted in barbarous

acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind", a cap that

The Declaration requires that

does seem to fit President

universal respect for and

armed force to restore and

maintain the security of the North

Milosevic rather well.

for its implementation. R C H BRIGGS Salisbury. Wiltshire

Nato's action in Yugoslavia reminds me of the one that once took place over domestic violence. There was a time when a man could beat his wife with more or less total impunity, and the police were very reluctant to intervene. Now we realise that domestic

Sir: The debate on the legality of

shall not be tolerated. It took a generation of refugee women fleeing their abusive partners to bring about this change in attitude.

violence is simply violence, and

Let us not wait a generation to deal with Milosevic. MIKE PERRY Ickenham, Middlesex

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Ballet School No 4: Some of the girls have an obvious gift, says Felicity, who teaches at the Davies School of Ballet in Cardiff

Ann Doherty

Who's to blame?

Sir: Robert Fisk's swipe (Comment, 30 March) at the American President, the British Defence Secretary and "armchair warriors" would find little support among Kosovo Albanians.

member states of the United Nations have "pledged themselves They do not blame Nato actions to achieve, in co-operation with the for Milosevic's current "ethnic United Nations, the promotion of cleansing", because they know that this was exactly what observance of human rights and Milosevic did in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, when Nato fundamental freedoms". It is that stood aside, and that he was Article 5 of the North Atlantic planning to do the same in Treaty does permit the use of Kosovo long before Nato decided

to intervene. Seroia has promised. Pisi writes, to fight an invader. This should be questioned. There are very few Serbs in Kosovo, while the response to the recent call-up in Serbia itself has been poor.

The vast majority of young Serbs have no desire to die for Kosovo. Yes, the rhetoric is there, and they display their defiance by attending rock concerts in Belgrade; but this is not difficult to do.

The prowess of the Serbian police and army is great only when confronting unarmed civilians. Serbia took territories in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, in 1991 and 1992, before these countries had managed to raise armies. Once they did so. Serbia began to lose on the battlefield.

Mr Robertson and his colleagues fear deployment of ground troops, as is perhaps their duty, but once this deployment is decided Belgrade is much more likely to sue for peace than to resist. Once in Kosovo, moreover, Nato forces will be welcomed and

assisted by the local population. To turn for help to the United Nations Security Council would be wholly irresponsible. One need only recall the disastrous record of the UN "safe areas" in Bosnia.

Failure to stand up to Milosevic now would result in the extension of war and "ethnic cleansing" to Macedonia, Albania, Montenegro and Bosnia. Nato's determination to humble - and hopefully remove

- the Butcher of the Balkans is a precondition for the region's return to peace. BRANKA MAGAS London W10

Sir: Your headline "This is the reality of war" (31 March) misses a crucial point. The 250,000 refugees and unknown number of people murdered are not realities of war. but of the vicious campaign of ethnic cleansing being pursued by the Milosevic regime, and Steve Jackson (letter, 31 March) is quite wrong to describe this campaign as a "Serb response to bombing".

Some years ago the French ational Front leader Jean-Ma le Pen provoked outrage by describing the Holocaust as "a detail of the Second World War". the logic being that, if the allied powers had not made war on Germany, the Holocaust would not have happened.

Such has been the excuse of fascists time and again. The reality, of course, is that the Holocaust had nothing to do with the war and everything to do with the genocidal logic which lay at the heart of Nazi philosophy.

We should not allow Milosevic's apologists to get away with a similar lie. Ethnic cleansing began before the Nato bombardments and all the evidence suggests that it was intensifying. That is why Nato intervened.

The way in which it has been carried out - villages surrounded by tanks and artillery before the Serb "irregulars" move in suggests a premeditated and planned campaign, not a

spontaneous outburst of anger Nobody should be in any doubt: Nato is not responsible for the tragedy of Kosovo. Milosevic is. Dr MARK PATTON London SW16

Sir: After the Second World War. memorials were erected to the dead in each of the many concentration camps of Poland and Germany. On all of them it says in the seven major languages of the United Nations: "Never again".

Sixty years later, in the heart of Europe, mass murder, genocide and even concentration camps have been built by the Serbian regime. Fascists control the government in Belgrade.

Serbia is no longer, as Chamberlain once said of the Czechs, a far-away country, of which we know nothing. It is two hours' flying time from London. The whole basis of the European Union is to "rid Europe of the scourge of war". If we fail the Kosovars, then the EU and Nato are worth nothing.

Genocide can never be an "internal affair". We have always recognised our moral responsibility to oppose fascism from wherever it comes Intervention is morally and legally right. The dictatorship in Belgrade should be made to answer for its crimes. Invasion and a protectorate are now the only way to restore peace in the Balkan peninsula. JAMES OATES London W2

Give peace a chance

Sir: As a child I sheltered in a London air raid shelter from the bombs of the Luftwaffe. The Serbs then, were our allies, fighting very bravely against the Germans.

Now I see Serbian children huddled in air raid shelters near their wrecked homes and scattered possessions.

The bombers now are not only German but also British and American.

Would Mr Blair and Mr Clinton so readily call for these Nato strikes if their own children were **EILEEN CHANDLER** Uppingham. Rutland

Sir: Mr Milosevic has offered to stop fighting in Kosovo and allow refugees back. Anyone really concerned about the human tragedy unfolding in the Balkans would grasp this opportunity to stop the fighting and start talking. Nato has flatly rejected this

chance. It looks as if Nato's vendetta against Mr Milosevic is taking precedence over humanitarian issues.

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Sir: Bombs are not solving the problems. Obviously Rambouillet is dead. We need new talks, we need talks directly between the Yugoslav delegation and the Albanians. We need talks head to head, talks to clear out all the existing problems, talks that will allow the refugees to come back to their homes, talks that will allow people to sleep at nights in their own beds instead of cold bunkers talks that will allow people to start to rebuild the destroyed country.

These talks cannot be conducted by Nato: they have to be conducted by neutral countries that don't have blood on their hands. NEBOJSA RAKO London NW2

Sir: Will Nato pilots be expected to drop bombs on Good Friday and Easter Day? This weekend gives a God-given opportunity and pretext for Nato leaders, who claim to be Christians, to order the suspension of hostilities to "give peace a chance". Everyone's faces could be saved, as well as countless lives. JOHN OLLIS Haddenham. Buckinghamshire

Whitehall warriors

Sir: The Labour government could do one honest thing rename the Ministry of Defence as the War Office. ANGELA THOMSETT Northallerton, North Yorkshire

Irish dimension

Sir: Obviously, there can be no substantive peace talks in Kosovo until the men of violence in the KLA decommission their weapons. Or am I missing something? MAT COWARD Frome, Somerset

Trial by media

Sir: Your leading article of 29 March highlights the way the tabloid press can harm the reputations of innocent people because they are already in the public eye. It is worse when they prematurely highlight allegations which later prove to be without foundation.

A clear example is the way the Catholic Archbishop of Cardiff, the Most Rev John Ward, has been treated for over two months. In mid-January the tabloids, followed by almost everyone else, gave considerable coverage to allegations of child rape going back to 1961. The allegations seemed highly unlikely to those like me who have known the Archbishop for many years. The publicity came even before the police could interview him. He was "innocent until proven guilty", but his reputation was already suffering serious damage.

Many of the people I met had heard all about the case and asked me more about it. Last week the Crown Prosecution Service, after carefully examining the evidence, dropped the matter. Cardinal Hume and the Archbishop himself made press statements. None of the people I meet are aware of this; I have seen and heard nothing about it in the intervening five days.

Following the premature publicity, the Archbishop had to stand aside from his public duties for over two months. The people and priests of his diocese were denied the normal pastoral care they expect from their bishop. Now the lack of prominent reports about the CPS decision seems to show that the media are more interested in destroying reputations than restoring what they have mistakenly damaged. **HUGH LINDSAY** Grange-over-Sands. Cumbria The writer was Catholic Bishop of Herham and Newcastle, 1974-1992

Legitimate concern

Sir: I wrote an article (Media, 30 March) about the journalists' Oscars of last week, known as the Press Awards, which took place at the London Hilton. I am quite happy to acknowledge that Neil Wallis, editor of The People, did not describe the broadsheet newspapers as "broadsheet bastards" when he jumped on the stage at the end of the awards and berated his broadsheet colleagues for unfairly walking away with the majority of the awards when he did not believe they deserved them. WILL WHITEHORN Corporate Affairs Director Virgin Management Ltd London W8

Massage: the truth

Sir: You have missed the point ("Paying for sex should not finish a politician", 29 March). It is not so much the Thai people who need sympathy as massage therapists. It is we who struggle to work professionally and safely while our name is inextricably and inaccurately linked with prostitution. Prostitutes use the word "massage" as a euphemism for paid sex, while massage therapists offer therapeutic treatment for medical conditions and alleviating stress. For those of us who strive to improve the image of massage therapy, your leader is infuriating. CELIA C JOHNSON Guildford Surrey

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Military language

Sir: In defining a language as "a dialect with an army", Professor John Wells (quoted in "London: multilingual capital of the world", 29 March has unwittingly settled the "language or dialect" debate over Letzebuergesch, the national language of Luxembourg. I had always heard the definition was "a dialect with an army and a navy". The Grand Duchy has an army. proportionate to its size and affiliated to Nato. but as regards the latter criterion it is sadly though understandably) lacking. HENRY WICKENS Waldbillig. Luxembourg

Verbal tangles unravelled by the dipsomaniac logomachist

SOMETIMES, WHEN he is not at the pub. I welcome a visit from Dr Wordsmith, the language expert. At other times he just arrives and refuses to go away, or falls asleep in the corner of the office, which is exactly what happened yesterday, so I am glad to say that the great man is still with us to answer your questions on the niceties of language. Wake up. Doc! And the first

Dear Dr Wordsmith, I am intrigued by the word just used in that introduction, namely "niceties". When it is written as one word, it is pronounced as "nice-teas". But when written as two words, ie "nice ties", meaning "agreeable cravats". it is pronounced rather differently. Dr Wordsmith writes: Yes, yes, no doubt. And your question?

Well, I just wondered if there was a term for a word which was pronounced in two different ways, depending on whether it is split up on the page or not. Dr Wordsmith writes: I have absolutely no idea. And the next!

Dear Dr Wordsmith: I have recently noticed what I think is a change in the meaning of the word "confirm". Until now, the act of confirmation has been to reaffirm an existing arrangement. So, if you book a hotel room, you write a letter or send a fax to confirm it.

But the other day someone from a recording studio rang me up to confirm a studio date for a record I'm doing, and I said: "How can you confirm it? It hasn't been arranged yet!" and she said: "I know - that's what I'm ringing up to confirm."

So now "confirm" is being used to mean "arrange". Don't you think this is a blurring of language? Dr Wordsmith writes: You may well be right. And the next!

Dear Dr Wordsmith, Do you renber the prevalence some years back of phrases using the word "situation"? People weren't flooded they were in a flooding situation. People weren't invaded - they were in a war situation. It got so bad that Private Eye started collecting egregious examples and pillorying the ffenders, and maybe because of that the habit slowly died out... Dr Wordsmith writes: Are we anyere near a question?

Yes, it strikes me that the same thing is now happening to the word "experience". The new Bluewater



KINGTON Sometimes, when he's not

in the pub, I welcome a visit from Dr Wordsmith, the language expert

complex in Kent has been described as a new "shopping experience". A coffee bar claimed the other day to

provide "a new coffee experience". But surely there is no such thing as a "coffee experience", except the taste sensation you get from drinking coffee, and there is nothing new about that. Is this not another case of word abuse?

Dr Wordsmith writes: You may well be right. In my case I tend to go from one pub situation to another drinking experience, so I can't always rightly remember what people are saying round me. And the next!

Dear Dr Wordsmith, In yesterday's question'n'answer session, a book was mentioned called Leith's Fish Bible. I have noticed that there is now a plethora of book titles involving the genitive case... Dr Wordsmith writes: Oh yeah?

Like Voltaire's Coconuts. Like The Pope's Rhinoceros. Like the daddy of all these genitive-oriented titles, namely Flaubert's Parrol. And yet before 1970 there was never any example of such a construction in novel titles. We never had The Animals Farm by George Orwell or Casterbridge's Mayor by Thomas Hardy. How do you explain that? Dr Wordsmith writes: I have absolutely no idea. Time for one more question, I think...

Dear Dr Wordsmith, I was intrigued to notice that your last correspondent used the expression question'n'answer session". What I find interesting is the reduction of "and" to "'n' " Why, I wonder, do people bother to reduce the word "and" to "'n "? Surely the three letters "a-n-d" are no longer than

apostrophe-plus-n-plus-apostrophe? And they don't sound any different either. Does "rock and roll" sound different from "rock'n'roll"? Does "rhythm'n'blues" sound different from "rhythm and blues"? Is there a term for this pseudo-re-duction? And what do we call ""r"? Dr Wordsmith writes: I haven't the faintest idea. What do YOU call it?

You're meant to provide the answers, not me. What kind of an expert are you. anyway? Dr Wordsmith writes: An extremely thirsty one. In 15 minutes you will find me at the bar of the Dog and Printer down the road. Anyone who wishes to consult me is free to buy me a drink.

Dr Wordsmith will be back again soon. Keep those queries rolling in!

IN THE end, any settlement will is a recipe for widening the war. require not only the return of Milosevic's "offer" can't be taken seriously, we must use the tools at hand to deal with

fratricide. Sending troops or: WE WONDER how many Amerarming whatever's left of the .. ican fighting men and women Kosovo Liberation Army might will have to die before Clinton decides we have been sufficiently distracted from his myriad personal defects. While we eration was prepared, and have absolutely no respect for Clinton or his leadership abilMONITOR

ALL THE NEWS OF THE WORLD US press comment on President Clinton's policy of intervention in Kosovo

ities, we fully support American admit his mistake and bring pilots and other personnel involved in this flawed effort. We wish them Godspeed in their return home to safety. We hope

them home immediately! Barnesville Herald Gazette

WE DELUDE ourselves if we Clinton has the courage to think that the aerial bombing

launched Wednesday alone will do the trick, Though it might kill many people, air attacks usually risk few American casualties. We should also realize that a "clean" air war is not enough to get the job done. Remember that Yugoslavia's counterinsurgency campaign in Kosovo mostly uses special forces in small units not very vulnerable to air strikes. In

any event. high-tech wars

provide good graphics for CNN.

but they have little to do with

the reality on the ground. Providence Journal

AT THE moment, the situation in Kosovo is worse than before the bombing, not better, and it looks as if the campaign will have to be long-lived to achieve results. In that case, the president will need public support to continue to stand up to this bloody tyrant. He may not get it, in part, because he has done so little to pave the way.

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The refugees' trail must extend to the shores of Britain

NOTHING COULD have prepared us for the horror of Slobodan Milosevic's attempt to drive out Kosovo's entire non-Serb population. He had done it before, to the Muslims in those parts of Bosnia claimed as Greater Serbia, but the whole point of Nato's bombing was to deter him from

The first aim of Western policy, therefore, has failed. But that does not mean the policy was wrong. The alternative to threatening military action was to acquiesce in the slow "ethnic cleansing" of Kosovo over a number of years. This way, the process is crushed into a few weeks, creating a refugee crisis on a scale not seen since the Second World War. Yes it is a disaster, but at the same time there is now more hope that the Albanian-speaking people of Kosovo will ultimately obtain protection, and that Milosevic and his fellow war criminals will be brought to justice.

The details of the systematic campaign of terror waged by the Serbian forces are chilling. James Dalrymple's account (on the front page of today's Independent) of the terrible suffering of the refugees on the border between Kosovo and Macedonia should be enough to convict the Serbian leadership of crimes against humanity. It is a description of the misery inflicted on only a few hundred of the tens of thousands of refugees. The deliberate policy of "identity elimination", in which Kosovar refugees are stripped of their papers while public records in the towns they have left are destroyed, is frightening.

Once the Kosovars have fled, of course, the difficulty of justly restoring the pre-existing state is multiplied severalfold. If a guaranteed peace can be brought to Kosovo - it could take months or years - the returning refugees will face all the problems of recovering property from crooks and impostors with which post-war Europe was familiar.

Meanwhile, however, it is the scale of the immediate disaster that should command our attention. The refugees who are queuing on the roads out of Kosovo or camped above the snow-line in Macedonia or huddled in camps and villages in Albania and Montenegro, urgently need food and shelter. Our moral obligation is even more pressing than in the case of natural disasters such as Hurricane Mitch; it was the British Government's attempt to protect these people that provoked their enemies and forced them to

We have to feed, clothe and house them - by the roadsides and on the hillsides to start with. That is why we are asking our readers to give generously to the appeal on behalf of the Disasters Emergency Committee, coordinating 15 charities. And that is why the Government has to open Britain's doors to our share of the refugees. than bombing their tormentors by remote control.



The library campaign that misses the point

SOMETIMES THE warm, comforting conservatism of the liberal left can make the gorge rise. If Joan Bakewell, Deborah Moggach, Ben Elton, Harry Enfield and Alan Bennett are against something, it is tempting to feel that it should be defended. If they are complaining about closures and spending cuts, planning sit-ins and demanding a meeting with the Culture Secretary, Chris Smith, it must be right to close and cut. And if we are talking about branch libraries in Hampstead, whose doors have never been dark-

ened by these celebs, then bring on the bulldozers now. der-used and cost far more per book lent than any other Our duty to the people of Kosovo extends much further libraries in London, and wants to concentrate facilities on Association. which successfully mobilised the interests of got out their placards for new libraries, new technology better-resourced centres.

But hold on a minute. Branch libraries are not like cottage hospitals. Most people would rather be treated in a big hospital, a centre of excellence. But if they want to get the next volume of Animorphs for a child who has suddenly discovered the joys of voracious reading, any old library will do. It does not have to be a collage-covered community centre-cum-CD-rom multimedia Internet café.

So Camden should reconsider its closure plans; making libraries less accessible cannot be right. But there is a broader issue.

What is depressing about this dispute is the conservatism at the heart of the protests. Four years ago, almost to the day, a similar coalition of arts and literary stars, led by Judi Dench, Melvyn Bragg, Beryl Bainbridge and Fay Weldon, announced that it was planning to sue Stephen Dorrell, the Camden Council says that three of its 13 libraries are then heritage secretary, for allowing Camden to close some branch libraries. They had been organised by the Library

simply maintained the status quo, so that this week the same arguments could be rehearsed all over again.

It is no use simply preserving the existing library system in aspic; the interests of librarians, who want to freeze their pay and conditions and reduce their hours of work, do sometimes have to be challenged. The Internet has been a huge boon to the bookselling business, but people who cannot afford computers and books, or even newspapers, need libraries, and the new information technology can be used to empower them. What is needed is more branch libraries, open long hours, using computers to access central collections. Their core function should, of course, be preserved. Many people - of all backgrounds remember the magic libraries held when they were children as gateways to new worlds of discovery. Students, the unemployed and the old need them. But Joan Bakewell and her chums would be doing a greater public service if they the producers of the service - librarians. Their victory and new ways in which services could be delivered.

Why do these decent folk find it so difficult to support the war?

WHEN I was younger, I thought that the easy fix of the propagands, and disthe only people in Britain who had balked at going to war with Hitler were the Mosleyites and a few Remains of the Day-type right-wing aristocrats (oh, and, for very complex and embarrassing reasons, the Communists). Then, as I read some more, a more nuanced picture gradually developed

of the great informal coalition that argued hard for most of the Thirties against rearmament and against taking effective action to stop Germany's various incursions on the Europe that was established at Versailles in 1919.

But I never really had a handle on the psychology of this movement until this week. Now, reading letters to the newspapers, listening to the phoneins, absorbing the arguments of historians such as Correlli Barnett, studying the speeches of politicians such as Alex Salmond, Tony Benn and Alan Clark, I think I can see how it happened. I comprehend how basically decent people can use every argument at their disposal to seek to avoid confronting something that they know (or

ought to know) is intolerable. And when you examine the views of the man and woman on the Belgrade tram, it is easier to see how so many Germans in the Thirties bought the

Joseph Goebbels version of the world. As a 1992 study showed, even when offered sources of information independent of the government - and despite believing these sources to be more accurate and truthful -- most --Serbs preferred to stick with the xenophobic official newspapers and broadcasters. They were comforted by

cleansing while a ground op-

backing the KLA's aspirations

concerted by the truth. Yesterday, the BBC's John Simpson, who had previously been at pains to note how uniform support for Milosevic had been (and thus, by implication, how unsuccessful the bombing was), reported from Belgrade on the way that Serbs were dealing with the reports of what their sons were doing in Kosovo.

"They don't want to know about it, frankly," he said. In other words, their allegiance isn't up for grabs; they cannot see why their country should be bombed because they do not want to see why it should be bombed. And we could wait till hell freezes over before Serb public opinion helps to stop the slaughter in Kosovo.

The fact that ordinary Serbs are convinced by the nationalist, racist and paranoid rhetoric of their own media and government is a strange reason for holding back on Nato action to save the Kosovar Albanians. Nevertheless it is one among many ingenious arguments thrown against the action by

those who oppose it. The other favourite one - now being flogged for all it's worth - is that the Nato bombing has provoked the current attempt by the Serbs to "ethnically cleanse" the entire province of Kosovo. This, it seems to me, is a bit like placing the blame for the Holocaust on the Allies, on the basis that there were no death camps before we declared war on Germany. One day, in some Belgrade archive, or inside a buried box, we shall discover the plans for the "cleansing" of Kosovo,

drawn up long before last Wednesday.



AARONOVITCH

We would wait until hell freezes over before Serb public opinion helps to stop the slaughter in Kosovo

On Monday night, with the refugees streaming into Macedonia and Albania, Alex Salmond, leader of the Scottish Nationalist Party, denounced the Nato military action. It was, he said in a television broadcast, "unpardonable folly", an action of "dubious egality*. He was also against putting

in ground troops. "Sometimes the right thing to do," he went on, "is to negotiate patiently even with those we find repellent, to recognise that economic influence is more effective than military might, and to accept the moral strength of relying on international law, even when it seems frustrating or ineffective."

Note the "sometimes" there. It suggests that, just as often, it is right to take up arms against those who are morally repellent; that "sometimes" it is also right to use military force; and

that "sometimes" a legalistic regard for international law can become an excuse for inactivity. And God alone knows that, if this is Mr Salmond's opinion, and he is not simply a pacifist then Kosovo is the "sometimes"

when intervention is justified. years since lightly armed Dutch UN troops watched helplessly as thousands of men were taken from their families in the UN "safe haven" of

Srebrenica? The Bosnian men were driven by bus to a large field where they were shot and buried, and the testimony of the survivors is exactly the same as that of survivors of Einsatzgruppe mass executions in Nazi-occupied Eastern Europe. Surely to God, Alex. we haven't forgotten already?

If the West does indeed share some blame for Srebrenica, it is not because it used too much military force, or that it intervened too soon. It won't be because it had insufficient regard for international law, or because it refused to deal with people we regarded as "morally repellent". It was because it was weak, disunited, lacking in determination and hopelessly, absurdly optimistic about the "realism" of men

such as Slobodan Milosevic. The Benns, the Salmonds, the Healeys, the Clarks, the Tapsells, the people who write letters to this paper splenetically blaming their own government for the current situation while absolving the Serbs, are all to be commended for expressing their troops, and their presence will be views. It is not their fault that Slobodan Milosevic and his propaganda

machine use every such utterance to

convince themselves and the Serbian population that Nato is split and will soon give up. Hopefully, the Serb

regime will soon be disabused. The isolationists, the nostalgic antiimperialists (so well described in these pages yesterday by Ken Can it really be, I wonder, just four Livingstone), the Tories who now seem to believe that there is no such thing as international society, the inveterate opposers of all things, must secretly pray that no one over here takes any notice of them. Can they possibly imagine what would happen now, were Nato to give up and

A former American ambassador to Yugoslavia, Warren Zimmerman, once coined the phrase, "the paradox of prevention". The paradox is that democratic states cannot be easily mobilised to take action to prevent something happening, because - by definition - it hasn't happened yet.

Until Srebrenica, I was one of those who carped at the idea of Western ground troops being deployed in large numbers to enforce a peace. I was wrong.

I don't really want to be wrong like that again. It is now clear that there can be no Kosovar autonomy within a Yugoslav state, and that the actions of Serb thugs and murderers have rendered the provisions of the Rambouillet agreement inoperable. Some kind of Kosovar entity will have to be reconquered, protected and assisted. This will require ground guaranteed only if enough people in the West demand it. Which, comrade, means you.

OUOTE OF THE DAY

"Finishing the job is what we intend to do." Tony Blair, Prime Minister

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"An empire founded by war has to maintain itself by war." Baron de Montesquieu. French philosopher



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Absolutely Desperate) who can cultivate sex-offenders, "pustule-covered ragpickers" and gangsters as primary sources. Elude accountability. Never let the facts stand in the way of a good story. Oil up to your superiors, belittle all others... whoa, enough already! Rather a jaundiced view, isn't it? It comes from that self-styled "little

Greek boy" Taki Theodoracopoulos, 61, who is on these shores to dine with the ailing maverick zoo-owner John Aspinall. The ageing roue was, until

recently, gossip columnist for The Sunday Times. STANLEY KUBRICK was as eccentric off-set as he was behind the camera, if Betty Compton, his tittle-tattling one-time housekeeper, is to be believed. Compton, who worked at the director's

house near Eistree more than 20 years ago, says the maestro once stopped a catfight by locking one of his moggies in a bathroom... for three months. "The smell was overpowering," says Compton, who also claims that Kubrick's cupboards were bare except for two shirts, one of which he wore, the other of which she washed. But that's not true, says a Pandoraphile who was also on the premises at the

time. Her version is that yes, Kubrick did wear the same

clothes every day - a blazer, a clean white shirt, grey

flannels and black loafers. "I

think Betty is suffering from

dramatic recall," she says. **HOT ROCKS: the latest New** Age fad among West Coast glitterati, is massaging tired bones with warmed stones basalt is best, according to the Arizona spa offering the 50-minute therapeutic treatment. The combination of the heat with the pressure of the strokes, the spa says, allows muscles to

warm and let go. Please don't try this at home with a microwave and a pumice THE DIRECTOR of Southwark's Globe arranged for 7.5 tonnes of hazelnut shells to be shipped in, courtesy of a Turkish Shakespeare-lover from Ankara, so that the theatre's floor could be

scattered with an authentic Elizabethan ground-covering. When the RAF landed the 150 sackfuls of shells in Brize Norton. customs had to value the unusual

plementing the minimum wage.

Reasons to be cheerful, part one

I HAVE to confess (and bang go the gongs, I expect) that when I heard that our Lord Chancellor, Derry Irvine, had been found guilty of sex discrimination, I felt an indecent sense of satisfaction. As did the gang of my female friends I met in Sloane Square on the day of the verdict. On the way home we chanted:

Derry Derry quite contrary How does your power grow? With nods and winks behind that

And friendly males all in the know

We were lucky not to be arrested for being so outrageous. But we thought there were good reasons to be cheerful. The case was seriously under-reported, but could be a crucial staging-post in our never-ending

One of the most powerful men in the kingdom was forced to explain his decisions by two ordinary women lawyers, both of whom work in the thankless, twilight arm of the profession. Jane Coker, an immigration lawyer, and Martha Osamor. a legal adviser claimed they had been discriminated against by Lord



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Irvine, who appointed a special adviser at a salary of £73,000 without considering other candidates. The adviser, Garry Hart, is not only the Lord Chancellor's close friend but is also godfather to Tony Blair's daughter. The tribunal accepted that Jane Coker was indirectly discriminated against be-

cause Lord Irvine did not look

beyond his close network of mostly

white, male acquaintances. Research carried out by the two women complainants indicated that the Lord Chancellor had little professional contact with women and even less so with black people. He had gone to an all-male Cambridge college and was a member of the allmale Garrick Club and his chambers were packed out with white men.

The defence claimed that, in fact, the Lord Chancellor had been known to appoint women, his personal secretary for example. Lord Irvine said the women were "mischievous", and refused to appear at the tribunal. The tribunal was told that special advisers had to be the chosen ones whom ministers and others could "totally trust". This would be a farce if the implications

were not monumental. We do not accept that jobs in the public services should be given to members of the family because we can "totally trust" them. That would be nepotism and corruption. Other problems arise when friends are placed in key jobs. There simply cannot be the distance and objectivity necessary to provide critical assessments. Of course, true friends

too often. They are there to tolerate bad habits and characteristics, to be non-judgemental, to approve of what we are and what we choose to do. What if Mr Hart felt that there was something terribly wrong going on in the Lord Chancellor's Department? Would it be easier or harder for him to blow the whistle? A special adviser's job is an essential one.

To lock out of the selection process all those who might have excellent qualifications, just because they might not bond with the minister, is infantile. I said this once to the desperately trivial Derek Draper, and he understood neither my soning nor the principles. Which brings me to another issue. Appointing pals increases

the risk of cloning. You end up with too many devoted Dereks with a limited view of life. The dangers of exclusion are far greater in Britain than in America. Here class, race and gender inequality in the upper echelons of our society remain a scandal. There, Bill Clinton not only has a number of close black friends and acquaintances (Toni Morrison

will point out stupidities too, but not has called him the first black president of the US) but also has an army of feminists by his side. Most of our ministers - except those who have a large number of black and Asian constituents - move exclusively in white and often male circles. Remember, this is our money.

Special advisers to government ministers are paid by the state and not the party. All but one of the 69 advisers working at the moment are white. Most of them are male. Government department recruit-

ment procedures are constantly under scrutiny to make sure they are fair. Private sector companies don't hand over all their top jobs to the friends of those already there. So why should government ministers assume that they are absolutely right to do just that?

Instead of launching an appeal, as he is threatening to do, Lord Irvine should use this moment to think long and hard about this case. Does he wish to be remembered as a man who has put the European Convention of Human Rights on our soil, or as someone who defends the right to deny equal treatment to women and blacks?

Should business fear the burdens imposed by Labour?

ABOUT 2 million people will take home more pay as a result of the national minimum wage, formally introduced today. Low as it is, at £3.60 an hour for the over-21s and £3 for younger workers, it will affect one in every 11 people who are at work in this country.

A majority of them will be women working part time. Most will be in the North. Many will be in dead-end jobs in retailing, restaurants, and health and social services. Women, young people, disabled employees and members of ethnic minorities are the most likely to be working for less than the new minimum wage.

The boost to low incomes therefore aids the most peripheral and exploited employees, doing jobs most of us would never dream of accepting. Indeed, so few people are doing them legally in London and the South-east that it is a fair bet that only immigrants in the informal

economy are willing to take them. It is hard for anyone with scruples to argue that a moderate minimum wage to protect the most vulnerable workers is a bad thing. Yet, increasingly, business has been voicing the fear that what may seem a sensible measure taken by itself is one burden among many that the Government is placing on employers. It joins the working-time directive limiting hours, the fairnessat-work measures that will allow union re-recognition, and the employer-administered working

families tax credit. Last week Stephen Byers, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, responded to these business anxieties by announcing a red tape review. He has already scrapped some of the regulations im-

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DIANE COYLE

It is hard for anyone with scruples to argue that a moderate minimum wage is a bad thing

come to be a symbol to British businessmen of governmental oppression? What is particularly strange is tape in the UK compared to countries such as Germany - or even the US, which is surprisingly bureaucratic.

The Government has repeatedly deferred to business interests in the consultations on its workplace measures - setting a much lower minimum wage than union negotiators were after for example. Yet employers' organisations are arguing that the Government's proposals will cost jobs and bankrupt companies.

They point to the fact that Britain is continuing to attract foreign investment. In a recent row over tax increases proposed by the German government, some of Germany's biggest employers, such as the insurance giant Allianz, threatened to move lock, stock and barrel to the UK. The Confederation of British Industry and Institute of Directors warn that the attractiveness of the UK as a business location could be badge of civilisation - basic decent eroded by importing Continentalstyle regulation and costs. In a

speech to Manchester businessmen last week, Sir Clive Thompson, chairman of the CBL, sounded the warning again. "I don't mind, and I'm sure you

don't mind, working until midnight on a world-beating marketing plan. But using that time, as many small business managers do, to pore over the VAT forms or decipher the 74 pages of the guide to working time issued by the DTI, is not wealth creation as I understand it," he said. There is something quite com-

pelling about this argument at a time when unrestricted Anglo-Saxon capitalism is thriving and other, more managed types, ranging from the Asian values variety to the German stakeholder kind, are languishing. Which bits of the world economy are shrugging off the global crisis? The US and the UK. Where is unemployment falling? You guessed it.

Of course, some Gradgrinds will oppose anything that helps the workers at the expense of the bosses. It may not be the latest business-school-approved style of management, but it is a common enough attitude. Britain has plenty of these hearty executives with loud laughs and ample waistlines, pillars of the community, whose ambition is to run the most efficient sweatshops they can get away with. Not for them the challenge of improving their workforce's skills and switching to high value-added production methods. No Brussels bureaucrat will force them to price their

wretched employees out of a job. But it is the global context that explains why so many in the business community are concerned about importing any Continental workplace habits into the UK. The flexibility of the jobs market - usually taken to mean flexibility for employers to pay what they like to whom they like when they like - has



Hotel workers will benefit from the minimum wage

become a talisman in difficult times. pay and dignity. How to achieve the The Thatcherite deregulation of the best of both is an empirical matter. workplace is the lucky rabbit's foot

of British business. The difficulty with dismissing this as outmoded Eighties thinking, however, is that there is real merit in some forms of workplace flexibility. Part of the explanation for the high rates of unemployment currently experienced in Continental Europe lies in minimum wages that are too high for some kinds of work, and in red tape and high taxes that discourage companies from creating new jobs. Germany and France have not seen jobs created in the private sector over the

past two decades. To conclude, however, that we can have either flexibility or fairness but not both - is to pose a false dichotomy. The fact that there is a trade-off does not force us to choose either one or the other. It is neither inconsistent nor idealistic to believe both that a fair society is one that provides work for all who want it, and, at the same time, that jobs should provide minimum levels of

clear evidence that the minimum wage in the US is so low that it has no impact at all on the level of employment, while in France the youth minimum wage is so high that half that age group is out of work. With the new UK minimum wage, the Government has sensibly kicked off with a level unlikely to destroy many jobs. It can rise over time, testing the trade-off, although the formal mechanism for uprating the figure has yet to be announced.

Ultimately, the businessmen's complaints about their new burdens are not about the practicalities or the evidence. These down-toearth concerns do matter, but the Government is going out of its way to answer them. New Labour has no interest in seeing investment decline or jobs vanish. Rather, the emerging dispute is philosophical, a clash of world views. Social partnership is not a home-grown idea, and it is proving to be slow to put down roots in British business.

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The case for reforming A-levels

perception that the English A-level system inadequately prepares students for the world of work. For example, the British Institute of Management has argued that "A-levels provide overty specialised knowledge to a narrow élite". Furthermore, a recent review of 16-19 education by Sir Ron Dearing suggested that the A-level curriculum does not always include essential key skills, such as mathematics. Sir Ron's concerns were partially based on evidence of a decline in the proportion of individuals taking

certain subjects, and in par-

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teachers to mathematics and the sciences". In 1858 the University of London introduced advanced. faculty-based matriculation examinations, which were the basis of today's A-level system. A-levels were developed as university entrance examinations, not as a stage of education in their own right. Thus it has long been recognised that A-levels may not provide a suitable curriculum for stu-

dents who fail to go on to higher education. However, A-levels are undoubtedly rigorous and

increasingly popular. The proportion of 17-yearolds obtaining two or more Alevel passes increased from 12 per cent in 1975 to just over 20 per cent in the mid-Nineties. The rigor and specialisation of A-levels have also ensured the continuation of three-year, rather than four-year degrees.

The disadvantage of A-levels are that students may complete the course, fail the examination and have nothing to show for two years' work. A levels therefore represent a significant academic burdle, particularly for the less able, and have been held responsible for the high (but falling) UK dropout rate at 16. Furthermore, students choose their own subjects at A-level and not all necessarily reach the same

standard in key skills, such as mathematics and English. We tested whether an individual's A-level subjects have a differing effect on labour market outcomes, depending on their final schooling level.

There is clear evidence of a

large, positive return to math-

ematics A-level, even control-

PODIUM PETER DOLTON From a talk by the professor of economics at Newcastle University

to the Royal Economic

Society Conference

ling for previous ability and further study at the graduate and postgraduate level. This result is more power

ful than previous research, which has indicated only a return to basic numeracy. A-level mathematics is obviously greatly valued by firms, even when individuals reach the age of 33, and after taking into account their personal characteristics, general education level, innate ability, perform-

ance at degree level and work designed to develop advanced history. The skills provided by A-level mathematics are clearly correlated with workers' future productivity, justifying employers' demands for an increase in the supply of these skills.

A possible explanation for this result is that the mathematics skills learnt at A-level, such as logical thinking. problem-solving and statistical analysis, may be closer to those used in the workplace itself than the skills developed in other A-level subjects. For example, we found no evidence of a positive return to language

This is perhaps because these A-levels do not in fact provide the language skills required by employers, such as report-writing and verbal communication skills. Equally, we found no evidence of an additional return to A-level scientific skills. Our evidence supports the

view that more students should

be encouraged to acquire ad-

vanced mathematics skills at

age 16-19. The introduction of

the proposed "key skills"

course may be one way to do

this, if the course is specifically

A-level. However, simply adding mathematics to the 16-19 curriculum may not improve labour market outcomes if the academic standard of the course is not sufficiently rigorous. Since some students drop mathematics at A-level as it is not one of their preferred three subjects, broadening the A-

level curriculum may be an

alternative way to encourage

mathematical skills and is tar-

geted at those who do not in-

tend to take mathematics

more students to study mathematics at 16-19. If most schools and colleges successfully encourage their Alevel students to take five subjects in their first year of sixth form study, more young people may opt to take mathematics at AS level.

These reforms aside, the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority may have developed the most useful way to encourage greater take-up of mathematics at age 16-19. They are piloting 12 different mathematics units, to be made available to Alevel and GNVQ pupils in September 2000

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Wish you were elsewhere



HAMISH **MCRAE**

For many people the distinction between work. leisure and family life will become blurred

OFF ON your holidays? The Easter weekend break sees the single largest holiday exodus of holidaymakers, larger even than on any summer weekend. But though it may not feel like that if you are struggling through an airport or stuck in a motorway jam, there is a quiet revolution taking place that will transform the holiday industry over the next generation in the way that the mass package has changed the industry over the past one.

The revolution has three parts. There has, for several years, been a sea change taking place in the demand for holidays, a change that has been met to some extent by changes in the supply. Now, most important of all, there is a change in the way in which suppliers can reach potential holiday-makers.

The change in demand is wellknown. As the balance of the population, not just of Britain, but of all developed countries, gets older, the sort of holidays people take will change. In fact, it is already happening. The holiday market is becoming much more segmented the family holiday remains, of course, but the growth will be in holidays for the retired, and for

single people. Parallel to this change in demography is a change in taste. Holidays are becoming more specialised, and increasingly carry with them some kind of educational or cultural experience. People go on holiday to learn something. That may be an activity such as skiing, but it may also be a skill: a foreign language, for example.

For some people, a holiday, instead of being a form of consumption, is becoming investment – As learning increasingly becomes a lifelong process, expect the barrier between leisure and education to blur to such an extent that it virtually disappears.

Unsurprisingly, the market has tried to meet these needs, but it has had some difficulty in doing so. During the past 30 years, the holiday industry has become terribly good at exploiting economies of scale, by applying mass-production manufacturing techniques to a service industry: ever cheaper flights, lower-cost destinations. It has not



been so good at fashioning holidays to specialist needs. Sure, there are specialist holiday companies and

there is a handful of upmarket operators that create custom holidays. And there are companies like Saga, which have ridden on the growing market for mature citizens. But the industry has not found it

easy to create what manufacturers would call mass-customisation. As people develop more precise and specific needs, it becomes harder to match the product to the person. Besides, people do not necessarily know what they want. If it is hard to develop a holiday product for a demanding specialised audience it is harder still to create one for a speknow quite what it wants to demand.

Enter the information revolution. The Internet remains a crude and often frustrating tool, but it is already revolutionising many industries: bookselling, for example, and, in the US, stock-market trading. Now it is starting to revolutionise the holiday business too.

The most obvious example of this is the online auctions for cheap airline seats. Because the airline seat loses all its value if it is unsold the moment the plane takes off, it is particularly suited to the auction. The

Internet is a technology that makes a radical improvement in information, bringing together buyer and seller, and so makes for greater efficiency in the use of a perishable product such as an airline seat.

But I don't think that is the main way in which the Internet, or whatever the Internet develops into. will change the tourism business. Online ticket sales are just one more way of making travel more efficient, like larger planes. The product is homogenised, so the buyer knows exactly what he or she will get. The main way in which the Internet will change things is quite different, for it will enable the whole industry to become much more the changes, noted above, that are taking place in demand and supply:

The more specialised the demand, the harder it is to find what you want. Regular brochures, even from specialised operators, are still offering a mass-market product. What the Internet does is to make available the great global library of information, not just offering a holiday on this or that date at this or that price, but giving people knowledge to enable them to develop their own ideas about the way they would like to use their leisure.

At one level, the Internet is just uct to offer, can market directly. one more way in which established

of explaining the product, and anything that enables people more effectively to find out what they want is wonderful. But this is to think of the new technology as a simple extension of the present one. whereas it gives the opportunity of radical change. Suppose you have a special interest, or would like to spend some holiday time developing one. You can find out a lot about the subject from the Internet - who the experts are, what the experiences are of other people

away might be mixed in with the holiday experience. Now look at it from the point of view of the provider. We tend to think of the holiday company as the provider. But while some companies do provide the holiday, most rely on large numbers of subcontractors to do the work. The subcontractors produce to the specifications of the company that is marketing them. But now organisations that have not thought of themselves in the holiday business, but which have a prodThink of universities, which have

holiday package. The mass market

will continue, but it will tend to

shrink in relative terms. The sig-

nificance of the new information

technologies is that they reinforce

the trend towards specialisation

longer make as hard a distinction

between holiday and work as we do

now. True, there will be some act-

ivities for which we get paid - we

shall have to go on earning a living

somehow. And there will be others

where we get away from it all, and

distinction between work, leisure,

education and family life will

quite hard to know whether a

particular holiday is leisure or

education. And the technology has

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ting around any easier. Like every-

one else. I shall be struggling

through Gatwick Airport at the

weekend. But I will be doing it to get

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None of this will necessarily

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But for many people the

Ultimately, I think, we will no

that is already taking place.

companies will sell themselves, both the skills and the accommoand that is fine. The paper brochure dation available in the holiday is an inefficient and inflexible way period, but which now offer these in the rather formal summer course framework. Think of small hotels, which up to now have had to use indirect marketing through agents. Think of parts of this country that have a lot to offer (and attract a lot of foreign visitors; but which are neglected by Britons. Think of the way in which niche suppliers can get feedback, and create something of a global club of customers. Think of the way in which people's worries about what is, after all, a large purchase can be assuaged - by of home courses and weekends purchasers.

The key point here is that supoliers can reach their market - and that market may be anywhere in the world - much more efficiently than they could before. As the Internet itself develops, and its search facilities become more sophisticated, people will get more help in finding what they want, producers will be able to create precisely the product desired, and each will be able to reach all the others.

Of course, not everyone will want to buy or create his own specialised

RIGHT OF REPLY

DOUG **MCAVOY**



The head of the National Union of Teachers responds to a leading article criticising the teaching unions

SHOOTING THE messenger is a well-known pursuit, but it is surprising to find The Independent a participant.

Unlike the Government, the National Union of Teachers has conducted thorough research of members' views on the Green Paper. The 30,000 responses overwhelmingly

opposed payment by results. Indeed, the union was founded 129 years ago as an amalgam of local teachers' associations to fight a similar scheme that narrowed children's education and undermined the service.

The Government has been forced to acknowledge that it has failed to convince teachers, parents and governors at its regional consultation meetings. It has received 26,000 submissions from a target group of millions, adding further emphasis to the validity of the union's survey.

In contrast to the Government, the union has worked to extend membership participation in decision-making. The NUT tests teachers' views regularly and takes those views into account.

On the Government's proposals, the message is clear. performance-related pay will destroy the teamwork necessary for school improvement. It will undermine rather than enhance standards. The Government is hell-bent on this scheme to meet its own political agenda.

The Independent's calls for teaching council are goals for which the NUT has long campaigned. However, their existence would not change the message of opposition to performance-related pay. It would be even clearer.

If the Government chooses to ignore the views of teachers. it will antagonise the profession and jeopardise the partnership it needs with teachers to achieve its standards agenda.

We are definitely not alone

I HAVE long thought that there are only two logical positions that might be defended concerning the probability of the existence of intelligent life elsewhere in the Universe. It is quite clear that life does require some sort of special conditions, because as far as we know there is no life in the Solar System except here on Earth. If it were easy for life to get a grip on a planet, we would see it on Venus and Mars, and on the moons of Saturn and Jupiter. But just how difficult is it for life to get started?

You might argue, on the basis of the limited knowledge we have, that it is so incredibly difficult that it has only happened once, here on Earth. Or you like the Sun. In the Universe at large,



THURSDAY POEM

SWEET DAY, SO COOL, SO CALM'

BY GEORGE HERBERT

Sweet day, so cool, so calm, so bright,

The dew shall weep thy fall to-night;

Sweet rose, whose hue, angry and brave,

Sweet spring, full of sweet days and roses,

A box where sweets compacted lie,

My music shows you have your closes, .

Like seasoned timber, never gives;

But, though the whole world turn to coal,

Our poems today and tomorrow come from 'Literary Hymns: an

anticlogy', compiled by Mark Bryant (Hodder & Stoughton, £14.99)

Bids the rash gazer wipe his eye.

The bridal of the earth and sky,

For thou must die.

Thy root is ever in its grave,

And thou must die.

And all must die.

Then chiefly lives.

Only a sweet and virtuous soul.

THURSDAY BOOK PROBABILITY 1: WHY THERE

MUST BE INTELLIGENT LIFE IN THE UNIVERSE BYAMIR ACZEL, LITTLE, BROWN. £17.50

might argue that it is just a tiny bit easier than that. But as soon as you allow for even the faintest possibility that life has emerged more than once, you have to confront the vastness of the Universe. In our Milky Way galaxy there are, roughly speaking, a couple of hundred billion stars more or less

there are several hundred billion galaxies like the Milky Way visible to our telescopes. Even a tiny probability that life might have arisen somewhere else, multiplied by the total number of stars in the Universe. gives you an extremely high probability, indistinguishable from 1, that there is intelligent extraterrestrial life.

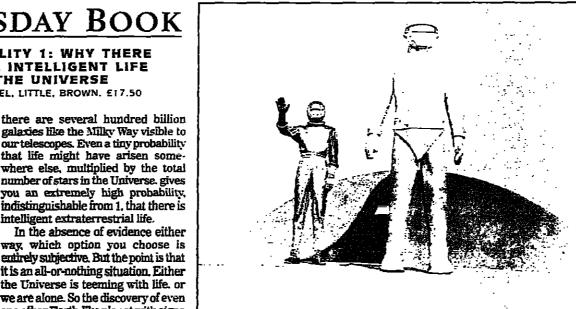
entirely subjective. But the point is that it is an all-or-nothing situation. Either the Universe is teeming with life, or we are alone. So the discovery of even one other Earth-like planet with signs of life on it would tip the scales dramatically, ruling out the option that we are unique. As one of my futors used to be fond of pointing out, "you cannot extrapolate from a sample of one", so the existence of life on Earth in itself tells us nothing about the probability of finding intelligent life elsewhere. But the existence of life on two planets would mean that you could begin to extrapolate, and in this

As the title of his book suggests. Amir Aczel is firmly of the school of thought that says that we are not alone. Writing as a statistician, he spells out the probabilities involved in each step of the argument (the chance of a star having an Earth-like planet, the chance of life evolving to the point of intelligence on that planet, the chance of life spreading from one planet to another, and so on). This is done in an entertaining and informative

case the extrapolation immediately

leads to the inevitable conclusion that

life is far from unique.



First contact, as depicted in 'The Day the Earth Stood Still'

must be more than one that is

Much of this is familiar to anyone who has followed discussions about the possible existence of extraterrestrial life in recent years and decades. Aczel moves on to less familiar ground when he tackles the possible role of way we think about some of the probabilities, but he stops short of of DNA as the molecule of life.

Indeed, "tantalising" is an apt word to sum up the whole argument. Aczel's book is to be recommended not for its conclusion, or even for the painstaking statistical analysis which lends credence to that conclusion, but for his

fashion, but it still boils down to the book was (in my view) the best popular argument that out of some hundred account of Fermat's last theorem, thousand billion billion stars, there but it got elbowed aside (in the UK at least: by a more artfully packaged accompanied by an inhabited planet. version of the same story.

In his latest book, he tells you a lot about probability and a little bit about life and the Universe, and weaves everything together with his personal account of how he approached the subject as an outsider with no mathematical chaos in changing the experience of the long running astronomical debates about extraterrestrial intelligence. The result is reaching any conclusions about what an ideal blend for anyone else who is this may tell us about the emergence interested in the subject but knows nothing about those debates, and it deserves to be as successful as the "other" book about Fermat's last

JOHN GRIBBIN

The reviewer's latest book is 'The skill as a storyteller. His previous Birth of Tinne' (Weidenfeld & Nicolson)

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"WHEN I was a small boy, my grandmother taught me to behave as though someone was watching me all the time," said the bass baritone Joe Williams. "She made me learn that you should never do anything that you would be ashamed to have anyone see you doing." Williams was a fastidious and dignified man who lived by his grandmother's rules throughout his life. "My Number One son!" was how Count Basie liked to refer to him.

Nobody who saw Williams sing with the Count Basie band of the Fifties could ever forget the experience. A tall, well-built man, he stood rooted to the stage, immobile, with his hands clasped before him as he sang and swung with a virile power that British audiences had never seen before. The flexibility of his voice and the range of his emotion, mainly in the blues, were unique.

Basie's followers were astounded. They took to Williams right away. The critics, as is so often the case, took a lot longer. "A lot of the critics in England and Europe were hostile. They would write, 'Most of the applause was reserved for the singer, and he is no Jimmy Rushing,' " said Williams. Rushing, who sang with Basie during the Thirties and Forties, had been different. He had used his voice almost as though it was one of the horns in the band and his kind of swinging made him an integral part of its sound. Williams, on the other hand, sang in front of the band rather than as a part of it.

Restrictions imposed by the Musicians' Union on the visits of American bands meant that Basie didn't come to Britain until 1957. We had heard Williams's 1955 recording with the band of the Memphis Slim number "Every Day I Have the Blues". The arrangement, by Ernie Wilkins, featured the singer and the band and spread over two sides of a 78 record, with the singer shouting as loudly as the band played. "There's no such thing as going into the studio intending to make a hit record," Williams told me when he came over here on a reunion tour with Basie during the Seventies. "Unless you do something that you enjoy, it just doesn't make sense. Get it out so it sounds as good as it possibly can, then leave it alone. Let the public do the rest."

The public duly did, and the Williams Sings, recorded for Norman Granz's Clef label, became one of the best-selling jazz collections. It included half a dozen arrangements by Basie's tenor player Frank Foster, who was particularly good at writing for Williams. "The Comeback", "Teach Me Tonight", "In the Evening" and "Alright, OK, You Win" were stunningly successful on the LP. They also featured in the world-wide concert tours that were mutually beneficial to Basie and Williams until the unthinkable happened in 1961 and Williams left the band. Over these years Williams regularly won all the magazine polls as best male singer of the year.

He was born Joseph Goreed in Cordele, Georgia. He recalled.

My mother and aunt and grandmother chose the Williams for me when I was 16, and I adopted it legally later. When I was three I was taken to Chicago by my grandmother. My aunt and my mother. who was working as a cook, were already there. I don't remember my father at all. We never heard a word from him. My aunt and my mother sang at the St Paul's Coloured Episcopal

Church every Sunday. My mother was

the organist.

I did some singing with a quartet called the Jubilee Boys when I was 14, and when I was 16 I got a job in a club called Kitty Davis's. I was tall enough to the called Kitty Davis's. I was tall enough to the control of the called Kitty Davis's there about eight called KILTY DAVIS S. I was tall enough to get away with it. I was there about eight months, and I was the only black person in the place. I sang all the pop songs of the time. One night I walked up to the bandstand where the trumpeter John-ny Long was leading his orchestra. I told him I'd like to sing with his band and he took me on right away.

In 1937 Williams joined the band led by the clarinettist Jimmy Noone, as its singer. The money at the club where they played was not as good as it might have been, so Williams augmented it by working in the kitchen between sets. Noone had been one of the classic New Orleans clarinettists and had been a seminal influence in the early years of the music. His immaculate playing and fat, warm tone were to influence generations of clarinettists, including Benny Goodman, and Noone famously impressed Maurice Ravel. who sat in the audience trying to transcribe Noone's solos.

Having moved on from the New Orleans style, the band played the popular songs of the day. It toured the South and played to packed black audiences before returning to Chicago. "Back in Chicago we broadcast almost every night for two 27-week seasons on the CBS coast-to-coast network," said Williams.

When Noone left to work in Los Angeles, Williams decided to stay in Chicago. "My first experience with a big-name orchestra was in 1941 in the big band led by tenor saxophonist Coleman Hawkins," he

Oddly enough I was singing the blues in a night-club where he was playing, the Café Society, and when he heard me, he asked me if I'd join him. He gave me double what I had been making, and he only wanted me to sing ballads, not blues. It lasted until we were in Memphis on 7 December and there was colorly there December and there was nobody there at the dance that night. They'd bombed Pearl Harbor and Hawk broke the

By 1943 Williams was working as a security guard on the front door of the Regal Theatre in Chicago:

Somehow the manager of the theatre fixed it for me to join Lionel Hampton at the Tic Toc Club in Boston, I met all kinds of musicians in that band and some of them, like the trumpeters Joe Newman and Joe Wilder were in the Basie band that I joined later. The girl

singer was Dinah Washington and Hampton paid me \$11 a night.

Chicago in search of a better salary.

He worked in various clubs and in

1945 stayed in Milwaukee for several

months singing with the backing of

Pete Johnson and Albert Ammons,

two of the most famous boogie-

Then I joined Andy Kirk's band, and had a nervous breakdown. I was in Elgin

State Hospital from April of 1947 to April of 1948. I had electric shocks – the works. When I left the hospital some peo-

ple helped me get a job selling cosmet-

ics door-to-door. You took half of what you

made. It kept me busy and it made me so tired sometimes I couldn't get my clothes off before I fell asleep.

woogie pianists:

Williams returned yet again to



David Redfern

In 1949 a radio disc jockey began announcing that, if any listeners knew the singer's whereabouts, the handleader Jay Burkhardt wanted to add Williams to his band. Somebody found Williams and took him to where the band was playing. He sight-read the band's book and was hired. At last Williams's career began to take off:

George Shearing came through with his quintet, and I worked with him at the Regal Theatre, and that did it. I gave up cosmetics. In 1950 I did a two-week stint with Count Basie at the Brass Rail in Chicago. Basie gave me \$50 a week out of his own pocket. He had this small band then and it could swing you inside out. I worked with Red Saunders's band for

He was a magnificent singer, and his rich textured voice was

natural for ballads and standards. He used all manner of

devices, including falsetto, and sometimes he would take a

phrase like 'Oh well, oh well' and repeat it for 12 bars

nine months and I sang in Cleveland and Buffalo. Basic came through Chicago again in 1954 and he'd reformed his big

band again by then. He told me that he

couldn't pay me what I was worth, but as things got better for him, they would get better for me.

Williams was very much a profes-

sional who took pride in both his

singing and his stagecraft. "There's

a very simple reason why the show

must go on." he said. "If it doesn't,

York on Christmas Day 1954 and

stayed for six years. "We had our

but the main thing was it was a very lift-

ing experience being with that band. It was made up of men who took great

He joined Basie's band in New

we don't get paid."

pride in getting their music right. It was a matter of self-discipline and of group discipline. If someone got out of line, we didn't go to Basie. We straightened him out ourselves. We were treated like artists, so we tried to act like artists. Basie was very quiet, but he observed a lot. In a way he ran the band by

One of the reasons Williams finally left the band, in 1961, was because he wanted to broaden his repertoire away from the blues that Basie favoured. "I like all songs. I guess maybe I do lean towards mood music. However if the story is right and the mood and the song are good I like it." He was a magnificent singer, and his rich textured voice

was natural for the ballads and

standards that he sang for the rest

of his career. He used all manner of

devices, including falsetto, and

sometimes he would take a phrase

like "Oh well, oh well" and repeat it

He was an inspired jazz musician,

but could also tread the ground of

the commercial song in the way that

Billy Eckstine had done. Williams

his being a black musician had

closed many doors that would

otherwise have been open to him.

recorded with the best jazz singers.

including Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah

His career expanded and he

was very conscious of the fact that

for 12 bars.

survived and led to many reunions until the pianist's death in 1984. Williams also recorded with the saxophonist Cannonball Adderley and his group, with Robert Farnon's orchestra, with George Shearing and with the Thad Jones-Mei Lewis Orchestra, amongst many others.

He was able to pick the finest musicians to accompany him. amongst them the pianists Ellis Larkins, Norman Simmons and Hank Jones. For his seasons in New York he used musicians of the calibre of Joe Temperley, Junior Mance and Al Harewood, His friendship with Bill Cosby led to him taking the role of Cosby's father-in-law. dpa AL in the television comedy series The Cosby Show during the Eighties. The childhood memories Grandpa Al spun on the show were in fact Williams's own from his early days in Chicago.

He continued to be in demand for work on cruise ships, at festivals and in hotels and clubs. Despite his advanced age he worked for 40 weeks a vear. He was a dedicated golfer. Williams chose to live in Las Vegas because the desert climate eased the serious problems that he had with emphysema, which meant that he had to avoid high altitudes and polluted air. It was this illness that overtook him while he was working recently in a smoke-filled club in Seattle. He died after discharging himself from hospital, against medical advice. He had walked several miles and was found a few blocks from his home.

STEVE VOCE

Joseph Gorced (Joe Williams). singer: born Cordele, Georgia 12 December 1918: four times married tone son, one daughter); died Las Vaughan. His friendship with Basie Vegas 29 March 1999.

Klaus Gysi

of the East German regime in the field of culture and religion, talented, articulate and cultured yet prepared to pursue and justify policies that crushed the freedom and creativity of others. As a senior cultural figure he promoted the return from exile of leading writers and returned many banned writers to print, yet sought to stifle other independent voices, like the folksinger Wolf Biermann, hounded into exile.

Although known for his lively mind and wit, he could read turgid and mind-numbing speeches extolling the virtues of a state he must have found it hard at times to like.

For the last decade of his working life he was chairman of the State Secretariat for Church Affairs, the body supposed to liaise with religious groups but which acted in parallel with the secret police, the Stasi - to control them. Summoned out of the blue by Erich Honecker in November 1979 to be informed of the appointment, Gysi was told by the party leader, "Remember, you will report only to me!"

Although religious groups in the GDR had a latitude almost unparalleled in Communist-ruled Europe, they were required to adopt an attitude of public loyalty to the state. The Lutheran Churches dubbed this "critical solidarity". Gysi extolled this model, playing down in public his unhappiness at the rebellious spirit lurking below the surface. "The attempt at co-operation between Church and State is a historic experiment," he declared in 1981. Gysi saw his main task as to keep the Lutheran Churches - the largest in East Germany - on the straight and narrow, and to prevent them from sheltering enemies of the system.

Despite his commitment to Communism. Gysi had a bourgeois background as the son of a Berlin doctor and his Jewish wife. He attended grammar school in the city, while becoming increasingly involved in Communist activity. He was enrolled by his mother in the Communist Youth Union when he was 16, becoming a member of the German Communist Party (KPD) three years later. He studied economics in Frankfurt, Paris and Berlin, where he was active with the Red Students' Movement.

With the growing persecution of the Jews by the Hitler regime, Gysi's parents divorced and his mother fled to France. Klaus and his fiancee, the Russian-born Irene Lessing (they had met while at university in Berlin. but Nazi racial laws made marriage impossible), visited her in 1939 - she pleaded with them not to return to

Despite the dangers - Gysi was doubly under threat as a Jew and as a Communist - they moved back to Nazi Germany in 1940 (the party beieved he would not be arrested as he did not "look Jewish"). He worked underground throughout the rest of the Nazi regime from a base in his fiancée's mansion on Berlin's



Gysi: 'a devil at the front, an angel at the back'

KLAUS GYSI was a faithful servant Schlachtensee. It was only after the end of the war that he could at last marry Irene (sister-in-law of the novelist Doris Lessing).

Once the Soviets had invaded the Eastern part of Germany, Gysi threw himself into building a socialist country, joining the SED when it was established. He was appointed by the Soviets as mayor of the Berlin district of Zehlendorf in 1945 (though he continued to live in the American sector) and deputy head of the Culture League, set up to rebuild a Communist cultural identity. Gysi welcomed back to the Soviet zone of Germany such writers as Bertolt Brecht, Stefan Heym and Anna Seghers.

He became chief editor of the political and cultural journal Aufbou. before becoming a member of the GDR parliament, the Volkskammer, where he was chairman of the Education committee. He joined a publishing house in 1952 (while still a member of parliament).

In 1953 - as Communist anti-Semitism spread from Moscow across Eastern Europe - Gysi was removed from his official posts, but after six months the spasm had passed and his career resumed. In 1957 he was appointed head of the Aufbau publishing house in East Berlin, which he had helped found in 1945. He replaced the previous incumbent Walther Janka, who had been arrested - some said after Gysi had denounced him to the Stasi. Although Gysi denied this allegation, it is known that from then on he had regular contacts with the Stasi, and was assigned the codename "Kurt".

In January 1966 he was appointed minister of culture, holding the post until he fell victim in 1972 to the purges of the new party leader Erich Honecker. During his period as cultural overseer he broadened the range of what was tolerated in literature and the arts, but continued to espouse in public the party line. He was appointed as GDR ambassador to Italy in 1973, remaining in Rome until August 1978.

By the mid-1980s, Gysi had privately recognised that the GDR was doomed. As anti-government demonstrations broke out in early 1988. with support from some sections of the Lutheran Church, his star began to fall among the party leadership. He was finally sacked in July that year as the Communist system was beginning to unravel. His request to be allowed to organise the 50th anniversary commemoration of the Kristallnacht attacks on Jewish

homes and synagogues was rejected. Gysi lived to see the Communist Germany he had fought and worked Germany. They resolved to go back for disintegrate and be swallowed by but the German invasion intervened the capitalist Germany. He lived and the young couple were briefly in- the rest of his life in seclusion. It fell to his son Gregor, the head of the Party of Democratic Socialists (as the SED became), to salvage what he considered worth saving from the wreckage of GDR politics.

Although he served the Communist regime faithfully through all its twists and turns. Gysi was never quite trusted by the party nomenklatura. His experience of life outside Germany, compounded by his Jewish origins, cast a shadow over his loyalties and he never made it into the Politburo. On the other side, his Stasi contacts and willingness to toe the party line made him an object of suspicion. Even his son denounced his "foul compromises".

A colleague once said he was "a devil at the front, an angel at the back". Few will ever know what Klaus Gysi really believed.

FELIX CORLEY

Klaus Gysi, politician: born Berlin 3 March 1912: GDR culture minister 1966-73: GDR ambassador to Italy 1973-79; State Secretary for Church Affairs 1979-88; twice married (one son, one daughter); died Berlin 6 March 1999.

Professor John Varey

SPANISH HAD been taught at Westfield College, London, before 1952, but the Department of Spanish was John Varey's creation. Joined by a single colleague in 1955, promoted to Reader in 1957, a personal chair in 1963, and Professor of Spanish in 1967, when a full chair was established, he attracted and appointed outstanding Hispanists, turning his department into one of the best -

some would say the best - in Britain. Years later, when university policy demanded the merger of Westfield and Queen Mary Colleges, Varey was able to preside, with patience and equanimity, as the last Principal of Westfield, over the amalgamation of his college, and of the department he had created, with the college and department of Queen Mary. If anything tried his patience during this time, it was the destructive nature of government policies in higher education.

John Varey was born in 1922 in Blackburn, and never lost his Lancashire accent, his dry Lancashire sense of humour, or his devotion to Blackburn Rovers, despite spending virtually all of his academic life in the south of England. He belonged to that generation which saw careers



Varey wrote his doctorate on the history of puppets in Spain

interrupted by war service: after winning an Open Exhibition to Em-manuel College, Cambridge, in 1941, he joined the RAF the following year. and from then until the end of the Second World War served as a navigator with Bomber Command and

Transport Command. Back in Cambridge, a First in Part II of the Tripos, followed by a PhD completed in the minimum required time of three years, saw him appointed to the Faculty of Modern a nd Medieval Languages, a post he held for a year before moving to Westfield College.

Hispanists, aware of Varey's imessive publishing record (over 20 books, 100 articles, bundreds of reviews, could be forgiven for thinking that he must have neglected other aspects of academic life, par-

ticularly administration. It is true that most of the honours conferred on him acknowledged his eminence in Hispanic studies: Corresponding Fellow of the Royal Spanish Academy (1981). Doctor of Letters (1981. Cambridge: Fellow of the British Academy (1985), Honorary Member of the Instituto de Estudios Madrilenos '1938, the first foreigner ever to achieve this distinction). Doctor honoris causa (1989. University of Valencia), etc. but the title Honorary Life Member of the University of London (1980) acknowledged another existence in a parallel universe, where non-Hispanist colleagues could be forgiven for thinking that he neglected search and publication in favour of committees and boards.

In Westfield, he became the first Dean of the Faculty of Arts (1966-68) and Vice-Principal (1968-70), before his term as Principal (1984-89); in the university, he was elected to the Senate and Academic Council of which he was chairman from 1980 to 1983), and became chairman of the committee of management of the Warburg Institute, and member or chairman of numerous other committees. Inevitably, some colleagues regretted the fact that he did not concentrate more of his prodigious energies on research; but his willingness, as a Hispanist, to undertake important administrative tasks undoubtedly raised the profile of what had been a minority subject. Most academics would be content

with two such careers, or even with being a recognised expert in the two fields of classical Spanish theatre and the novels of Galdos (one of the most prolific Spanish novelists), but every scholar of Spanish literature knows the name of John Varey through Tamesis Books, which he founded in 1963. or the two Grant & Cutler series, "Critical Guides to Spanish Texts" and "Research Bibliographies and Checklists", of which he was Joint General Editor. Characteristically, he was per-

sonally involved with all the minutiae of book production, and until recently made a point of reading the proofs of every volume in the Tamesis series (now over 200, including monographs, editions of texts, facsimiles). Other foundations for which he was responsible include the History of the Theatre Research Project and Fuentes para la Historia del Teatro en España, of which volume xxxv has just appeared. His sense of mission led him to give lectures, or read papers, at over a hundred venues, in three continents. All this, with a legendary reputation for hospitality (for which his wife, Micky, must share much of the credit; to undergraduates, postgraduates, friends and visiting colleagues.

A young postgraduate, awaiting a doctoral viva in which John Verey was extern, and who took the trouble, by way of preparation, to read the extern's own doctoral dissertation (on the history of puppets in Spain, an ostensibly esoteric subject) would still have been completely unprepared for the humorous, unpretentious, feet-on-the-ground scholar who sat on the other side of the table.

Unpretentious, yes, but very definitely a scholar. For one thing, like all members of what began as small departments, he had had to teach a wide range of literature and language classes. Again, like many of the older generation of academics, he was widely read in other areas. notably English literature. As for the puppets, they were symbols of a fascination with plays in performance, as opposed to printed on the page. No researcher knew better than he

did the documentary and archival sources of information on the early modern Spanish theatre, but no one has done more than he to investigate the practicalities of live performance.

It is a mark of the affection and esteem in which he was held by friends and other Hispanists that when he retired in 1989 he received two Festschrifts: one produced by colleagues and pupils at Westfield, the other with contributions from Spain, Britain, the United States, Canada, France, Germany, Italy and Ireland.

DON W. CRUICKSHANK

John Earl Varey, Hispanist: born Blackburn, Lancashire 26 August 1922; Lecturer in Spanish, Westfield College London University 1952-57. Reader 1957-63. Professor of Spanish 1963-89 (Emeritus), Acting Principal 1983. Principal 1984-89: General Editor, Colección Támesis 1963-99. chairman 1992-95; President. Association of Hispanists of Great Britain and Ireland 1979-81; FBA 1985; married 1948 Micky Virgo (two sons, one daughter, and one son deceased); died London 28 March 1999.

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Peter Ware

PETER WARE was one of the West the renovation in 1997 of Barlaston Country's most eminent architects. He Hall, a former Wedgwood family statewas a leading member of the generation by home in Staffordshire, whose magof conservationists who acted in time to save the region's historic building stock sub-contractors a national award; and in the Sixties and Seventies, and a versattle designer too of modern edifices. Court, a collapsing medieval mansion He was a person who inspired unusual affection and respect in younger ar- detail extended to research of the auchitects, who regarded him as a mentor. thentic horsehair plaster and the reand his work as a model to aspire to.

Ware was born and educated in Bristol and remained a proud Bristolian all his life. His father was a partner in the family tanning business and a noted stamp collector Ware developed his interest in architecture as a child. walking round the suburb of Westbury. gazing at the buzz of activity on building sites. He was educated at Bristol School of Architecture in the early Fifties, at a time when classical architecture was still studied, as well as detailed draughtsmanship. Elegantly drawn detail was a feature of his work throughout his career, and he never tried to master computer-assisted design.

The start of his working life was delayed by National Service, during which he volunteered to go with his companions in the Gloucestershire Regiment to serve in the Korean War: he was then close to the end of his service and could have opted not to go. His participation in the bloody Battle of Imiin River in 1951 earned him the Military Cross, though few people knew about this.

Ware spent most of his working life as a sole practitioner, which suited him best. In the mid-Fifties, he was hired by Gordon Freeth, then head of the Bristol School of Architecture, to renovate Freeth's newly acquired run-down Georgian house in the semi-derelict Dowry Square, in the Hotwells area of Bristol. Ware bought an adjacent house, in dire state, for £160, obtained a historic buildings grant to repair it, and set up his office on trestle-tables in the panelled front room.

Ware's love of period buildings led him to acquire great expertise in their restoration, and he was much consulted by the City of Bristol and by English Heritage. For the former he carried out important works throughout central Bristol, notably the restoration of the Christmas Steps, which was completed in the early Eighties.

His major projects outside the city included the rebuilding of the Victorian Clevedon Pier last year, which won a horses and woodland, Ware remained

nificent interior plasterwork won its the heroic rescue last year of Acton in Gloucestershire. His attention to tention of the time-settled asymmetry of old carpentry: a party of Russian architects shown around Acton Court was apparently bemused at the eccentric English habit of not straightening lopsided period window frames.

Although Ware was not a dynamic public speaker, his ability to listen, his modesty, his quiet persuasiveness and his transparent integrity made him an effective operator in committees and negotiations. He was for a number of years president of the Bristol Society of Architects. Other extra-curricular activities included the leadership of a series of annual Urban Landscape and Architecture Tours, which attracted a club-like following to places such as Brussels and Heisinki; and the early championing of the Bristol Architecture Centre, of which he was a trustee.

His design work was by no means restricted to old buildings. His member-ship of the Roman Catholic community led to the production of modern structures such as the circular Catholic church at Burnham-on-Sea known locally as "the coliseum", and the School of Saints Peter and Paul in Clifton, both built in the early Sixties. Perhaps most characteristic of Ware's careful pragmatic craft was his extensive work at Bristol Zoo throughout the Eighties and Nineties, which ranged from the restoration of the country's only listed Victorian elephant and giraffe house to the creation of a hi-tech tent structure to roof the cafe area.

Among his less prominent jobs was the transformation of the threatened 18th-century Hope Chapel in Hotwells into a flourishing community centre. One of its most successful activities became an annual pantomime. Ware, in Edwardian bathing costume or silly hat, dancing the tango with a dummy or being fired from a mock cannon, was a staple of the cast. He greatly enjoyed a bit of clowning and a good laugh.

Until he and his wife Marie moved out of Hotwells in 1996, to be nearer to their civic trust award in the week he died: a faithful participant in the minutiae of



neighbourhood affairs, chairing the Dowry Square Garden Committee, and priately subdued colour next door. From was always on hand with technical ad-

him, this was a stinging rebuke. Peter Ware's funeral was followed by a reception at Bristol Zoo, with a jazz band, which attracted hundreds of I eventually became a neighbour of people, from bishops to plasterers. PHILIP SWEENEY

two daughters); died Bristol 17

Peter John Wallace Ware, architect: born Bristol 9 February 1929; married 1958 Marie Michallat (two sons,

gious faith. Galileo wanted to

HISTORICAL NOTES KITTY FERGUSON

Galileo insulted the Pope, not the Church

early 1600s, was a man driven a political move but out of both by personal ambition strong personal conviction. to show that Copernican astronomy - the arrangement of the heavens that put the Sun rather than the Earth at the centre - was correct and didn't conflict with religious faith. He had no premonition that he would become for future generations, the symbol of such conflict. Galileo was one of the first

to scrutinise the heavens through a telescope, finding wonders "never seen from the beginning of the world" and evidence supporting Sun-centred astronomy. The powerful Grand Duke Cosimo . Il de' Medici became his patron. However, many astronomers in the universities preferred to accept the word of ancients like Aristotle rather than bother with telescopes, and Galileo's way of doing science, examining nature to learn about it, seemed to them foolishness at best, scientific heresy at worst. Galileo's arrogance, his in-ability to suffer these fools lightly, and his talent for demolishing them with scathing arguments, made enemies.

Galileo was highly regarded by many among the Catholic hierarchy who wielded far more power than these academics, and whom he took greater care not to offend. It was here that the case must be made that Copernicanism didn't threaten reli-

GALILEO GALILEI, in the make that case not merely as He didn't oppose the idea that the Church should exercise authority in scientific mat- an "impartial" book - which ters. He wanted it to do so, to throw its weight on the side of the truth emerging from his science, a truth he believed did not conflict with Scripture. For a time it seemed Galileo's campaign would succeed. Eminent churchmen discussed his discoveries intelligently and seemed to find his arguments compelling. However, when urged to support Copernicanism official-

ly, they dragged their feet. It was one thing to espouse new theories among intellectual Catholics, and quite another to dub them as truth, announcing a change in the centre of the universe to Galileo's enemies and to unsophisticated believers who thought Scripture dictated an unmoving, central Earth. How to insist that the Bible could be seen to support either cosmic arrangement. that it might even, as Galileo claimed, better support the Sun-centred scheme? How to explain that what most people thought was a literal interpretation of Scripture was actually an ancient metaphorical interpretation incorporating Aristotle's ideas into Christian doctrine ... and that the Church had never had an official policy on

cosmological matters? Finally, Galileo was admonished to cease cam-

paigning until he had proof. Galileo didn't force the Church off the fence, but in an astounding coup he made it seem he had. In the guise of a new Pope, Urban VIII (a friend of Galileo's), had encouraged - he wrote a best-seller demolishing the old Earth-centred astronomy. When it was too late to do anything but accept the situation gracefully or overreact. the Pope decided he could not brook such a usurpation of authority.

This was no abstract contest between science and religion, but something far more ersonal and political. Galileo had stolen the Pope's prerogative - an unforgivable insult. Neither science nor religion received more than lipservice at Galileo's trial. He was sentenced to house arrest for life and forced to renounce Copernicanism publicly.

In spite of his calamitous clash with the Church. Galileo wouldn't have been pleased to learn that he would become, for many, a symbol of enmity between religion and science. Those who suggest he is would have felt the brunt of his riducule and ire, for he never recognised such enmity, insisting "that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason, and intellect does not intend us to forego their use".

Kitty Ferguson is the author of Measuring the Universe' (Headline, £14.99)

Baton Haxhiu

BATON HAXHIU was editor of the Kosovo daily Koha Ditore, and one of the most prominent and respected of Albanian journalists in Kosovo. Shortly after attending the funeral in Pristina on Sunday of the human-rights lawyer Bajram Kelmendi, Haxhiu was abducted by Serbian security troops and murdered. It is a measure of his persona courage that he chose to attend his friend's funeral even in the knowledge that his own life was in danger.

Haxhiu was typical in many ways of the Kosovar Albanian intellectual. He was weil-read, cosmopolitan and shrewd. His writings on domestic politics and on the American policy-making process as far as it affected Serbia and Kosovo (most of which he also posted in English on Internet sources) remain models of dispassionate and informed analysis. He was one of the first commentators to indicate that the current aim of the Milosevic government was to clear a large part of northern Kosovo of its Albanian population and to use the territory so cleansed" as a bargaining chip in future international negotiations.

But Haxhiu was also a listener. Always ready to learn, he would eagerly engage



Haxhiu: cosmopolitan and shrewd

in discussion and would genuinely consider and ponder over his interlocutor's point of view. His respect for the opinions of others partly arose out of his own sense of intellectual impoverishment. His university studies at Pristina, where he studied sociology, were interrupted by the Serbian government's closure of his faculty in 1991. He was forced thereafter to continue his academic career in the straitened circumstances of the

"underground" Albanian university of international circles of journalists in Pristina, where he worked for a Pristina and Belgrade. Haxhiu and the and to negotiation. Haxbiu represented the highest ideals of the Kosovar Albanian movement of "non-violence".

vice on houses, keenly interested in local

the Wares and the only time I recall see-

ing Peter provoked into a lapse from his

habitual kindly diffidence was when he

saw the slightly too vibrant shade of ter-

racotta with which we were painting the

façade of our house. He pointed out with

mild agitation that it killed the appro-

planning matters.

For most of the 1990s, Baton Haxhiu was section editor of the weekly Albanian-language news magazine Koha. Last year he took over as editor of the Koha Ditore daily. Despite working under the most adverse conditions. printing with primitive machinery and constantly harassed by the Serbian authorities, Haxhiu helped make Koha Ditore the leading Albanian-language source of information and of critical comment in Kosovo. He was, moreover, an active journalist and was never content to write from the brief safety of his editorial offices. He was always on the move, visiting conflict zones, talking with military and political leaders, and engaging in much behind-the-scenes discussion.

His influence extended not only to the

postgraduate degree. Partly also, how- Kohn Ditore offices were an accepted ever, his openness to debate derived port of call for many of the diplomats from the whole philosophy of the liber-al, democratic wing of the Kosovar Alhanian movement. In his commitment held fast to the view that an independent to dialogue, to mutual understanding Kosovo was not only morally justified but also inevitable Throughout his career in journalism

Haxhiu collaborated closely with Dukagiin Gorani, who edited KD Times, the English-language section of Koha Ditore. Gorani's present whereabouts are unknown, as also are the fate of Haxhiu's widow and three-year-old son. It is, moreover uncertain at this time whether Haxhiu's body has been properly buried or, as some reports suggest, is still lying beside the main Pristina-Skopje road. His cowardly murder is, however, hardly likely to have gone unnoticed among journalistic, academic and diplomatic circles both in the Balkans and elsewhere in Europe.

MARTYN RADY

Baton Haxhiu, journalist: born 1967; Editor, Koha Ditore 1998-99; died Pristina, Kosovo 28 March 1999.

It is time to tackle the Gospel's scorn for Jews

THIS WEEK, unusually, two Jewish and Christian festivals coincide. The Passion of Christ and the Passover commemoration of the Exodus from Egypt are celebrated at the same time. Once this was the norm. The early Christians fixed the date of Easter by reference to the time of Passover. But in AD 325 at the Council of Nicaea, the Early Church decided no longer to rely on the Jewish calendar and changed the date of Easter to the first Sunday after the first full moon

It is generally assumed that the Last Supper was a Passover meal and many churches today attempt to reenact the Seder meal, which is the basis for the Jewish Passover celebration. It is all part of an increasing awareness among Christians of the Jewish roots of Jesus - not only was Jesus born a Jew; he lived and died a Jew and also his first followers were, of course, Jews.

after the Spring Equinox.

Christianity developed out of Judaism and cannot be understood without an understanding of that. The serious study of Judaism as a living faith, and its relationship with Christianity are therefore an essential non-marginal part of Christian formation today. A Vatican directive states:

Christians must strive to acquire christians must strive to acquire a better knowledge of the basic components of the religious tradition of Judaism; they must learn by what essential traits the Jews define themselves in light of their own religious experience.

Similar pronouncements have been made by the Anglican and Free Churches. Some seminaries and theol-

ogy departments are addressing these needs. But most ignore it, lack competence, or treat it as an "optional extra. time permitting". Hardly anywhere is the new theology on Jews and Judaism effectively integrated into the curriculum. Jews also cannot escape

their obligations in the new framework and this includes an examination of Jewish education concerning Christians and Christianity. In Jewish classrooms, little has been done to change negative or infantile perceptions of Christianity. To

achieve this goal Jewish scholars need to examine Christianity and create their own theology of Christianity. It is understandable that some an element of mistrust, perhaps Christian conversion, but some Christians are starting to ask, "We have made many changes and offered new thinking, isn't it your turn now to respond?"

In practical terms this means that for both Jews and Christians difficult issues must be tackled. Christians should tackle the fact that the plain text of the New Testament leaves the Jews in a position of

ARGUMENTS FOR **EASTER**

EDWARD KESSLER

When Passover and Passion coincide, the problems between Christians and Jews can be highlighted. But so too can the path toward solutions

inferiority and will induce feelings, if not of genocide, then of scorn. Perhaps a commentary to the New Testament should be produced, sensitive to the Jewish-Christian relationship, which can be used for the purpose of educating the parishioner, as well as the priest.

For Jews, difficult issues that need to be tackled include the need to abandon the immediate reaction of shouting "anti-Semite" when facing criticism of Israel; the need to accept that, in the history of Jewish-Christian relations. polemic has not always been one-sided; the need to realise that the New Testament is primarily a Jewish ' ank about the life and actions of Jews.

But this exchange must be placed in the mainstream of religious life. Many people talk Relations in Combridge

about the need for dialogu but very few are involved in it. And those who are active often take solely an academic stance Inter-faith dialogue undoubt-Jews look upon dialogue with edly has an academic content but it is far more than that If viewing it as a veiled attempt at it is limited to an anaemic interchange of ideas and historical facts it will simply serve as an instructive exercise in comparative religion rather than as an example of the

practice of inter-faith dialogue. Such a quest is not easy because it is not simply a matter of talking to the "other" or considering how the "other" differs from "us". Rather it means taking the "other" as seriously as we take ourselves. This is immensely difficult and costly and we find it all too easy either to relate to others in a casual way or to reject (or ignore) the other's" arguments.

Perhaps we can learn from Franz Rosenzweig, a German Jewish theologian, who wrote an important book 80 years ago called The Star of Redemption. For Rosenzweig dialogue consisted of the ability to articulate and demonstrate both awareness and comprehension of another person. He called this "sprachdenken", meaning not just talking but making something happen through words.

I read the book many years ago but one story has always remained with me.

Rosenzweig was asked to comment on the statement from the Gospel of John that none could reach God except through Christ Rosenzweig did not reject the verse out of hand because it was valid for many Christians who held it dearly. Indeed, he said that millions of people had been led to God through Christ. But he suggested that the situation was quite different for one who did not have to reach for God because he was already with Him. "Shall I be comforted, I who have been chosen? Does the alternative of conversion even exist for me?" Rosenzweig's answer is a sign of dialogue in action.

Edward Kessler is Director of the Centre for Jewish-Christian

GAZETTE

BIRTHS

AITKEN: On 23 March, to Linda (nec Woodhouse) and Campbell, a beautiful daughter. Elizabeth

ROWSE: On 24 March, to Georgina (nee Booth) and Mark, a son, Milo Sebastian, a brother for Ohver, Benjamin and Tara.

DEATHS

ANSTEY: John Swithin Campbell ANSTEX: John Swithin Campbell Knight. "World's leading expert on party walls and rights of light": sailor: singer; jazz lover; writer; croquet player; "pollymath": City surveyor and philanthropist. Died peacefully on Tuesday 30 March. Private woodland burial at Carlisle on Thursday I April. No flowers, please, but donations in John's memory to the RNLI. An event to celebrate John's life is to be memory to the RNLL An event to celebrate John's life is to be arranged. Details of this, and memorial fund, from Anstey Horne & Company, 31 Newbury Street, St Bartholomew's, Lon-don ECIA 7NE. "Flee is the bird to the mountain."

BIRD: Dr Chris, Visiting Fellow in Remote Sensing & GIS, Silsoe Campus, Cranfield University.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS

died peacefully at home on Fri-day 26 March 1999, from cancer. Former colleagues and students will be welcome to join his wife Philippa, family, friends and col-leagues at the Finneral and Thanksgiving Service to be held on Tuesday 13 April 1999 at 2pm at the Church of the Ascension. Beaufort Road, London WS. Fur-ther details from E.C. Mills Lim-ited on 0181-992 0467.

GREENWELL: Tom, OBE. Suddenly, in hospital, on 27 March, aged 75 years, the much-loved husband of Vicki, and adored daddy of Camilla, Service and daddy of Camilla. Service and cremation will take place at Raw-don Crematorium. Leeds, on Thursday 8 April at 2pm. Family flowers only pleased, donations in lieu may be made to St. Gemma's Hospice, Leeds. Friends please accept this information.

Announcements for BIRTHS, MAR-RIAGES & DEATHS (Births, Adoptions, Martiages, Deaths, Memorial services, Wedding anniversaries, In memoriant are charged at 16.30 a line (VAT extra).

BIRTHDAYS

Mr Cynog Dafis MP, 61: The Rev Norman Drummond. Scottish governor. BBC, and chairman, Broadcasting Council for Scotland, 47: Mr Alex Falconer, MEP, 59; Professor Roderick Floud, Provost, London Guildhall University, 57; Sir Anthony Gill, chairman, Docklands Light Railway, 69; Mr David Gower, cricketer, 42; Sir Nicholas Henderson, former diplomat, 80; Miss Gaie Johnson Houghton, jockey, 58; The Earl of Ilchester, vice-chairman, County Border Newspapers, 79; Baroness McFarlane of Llandaff, Professor Emeritus, Department of Nursing, Manchester University, 73; Miss Ali MacGraw, actress, 61: Sir William Macpherson of Cluny, former High Court judge, 73; Mr William Manchester, writer and Profes-

Gen Giles Mills, former resident Governor, Tower of London, 77; Professor Sir Dimitri Obolensky, historian, 81; Mrs Marie Patterson, former TUC president, 65; Miss Jane Powell, singer and actress, 70; Mr Charles H. Price, former US ambassador to the UK, 68; Mr Steve Race, musician and broadcaster, 78; Dr Richard Repp, Master of St Cross College, Oxford, 63; Miss Debbie Reynolds, actress, 67: Mr Bryan Robertson, writer. historian and broadcaster, 74; Mr Arnold Sidebottom cricketer, 45; Miss Rosemary Spencer, ambassador to the Netherlands, 58; Mr Leonard van Geest, chairman, Littlewoods, 49; Mr Dafydd Wigley MP, 56; Professor Sir Dillwyn Williams, former President, Royal College of Pathologists, 70.

Wesleyan University, 77; Maj-

ROYAL **ENGAGEMENTS**

The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, attends the Maundy Service in Bristol Cathedral, during which she distributes the Royal Maundy, and attends a civic lunch hosted by Bristol Chamber of Commerce at the Mansion House, Citton, Bristol: and, as Palva, visits the Royal West of England Academy, Queen's Road, Clifton. The Duke of Edinburgh visits Cameron Balloms, St John's Street, Bedminster, Bristol. The Duke of York attends a service to commemorate the granting of the Royal memorate the granting of the Royal Charter to the City of Emgston upon Hull, at Holy Trimiy Church, Market square, Kingston upon Hull.

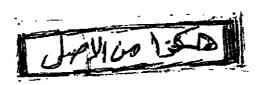
CHANGING OF THE GUARD The Household Cavalry Mounted Regi-ment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 11am; 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11.30nm

LECTURES

National Gallery: Norman Coady, "Easter Lecture: Tintoretto, Christ Washing His Disciples' Feet", 1pm.

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I'm desperate to get pregnant

At 36, Wendy hears her biological clock ticking and she longs for a baby. Her partner of three years is also broody, but theirs is an on-off relationship. Should she try to find someone more stable, at the risk of never having children?

VIRGINIA'S ADVICE

pregnant with any old bloke just so they don't miss out on motherhood, mutters of "What about the child?", "Not fair it not having a father". "Selfish". start being heard in the Ironside implant there, like seeds thrown household. Of course, it's quite easy for me to say that, as I al-ready have a child, but I hope that were I now 36 and getting broody, I'd at least try to find a man to have a child with who was committed to being a father, if not

And this, it seems, is the incredibly fortunate position that Wendy finds herself in. She may not have found Mr Right, but she's found that rare bird, a broody bloke. I've had lots of letters from married women who want to have children, but their husbands' minds are set against it. I've even had letters from men whose wives have refused to have children. But Wendy's man is up for fatherhood. And I think she should grab this chance of a family while she can.

We've all got anecdotal evi-

babies. But the truth is that women's fertility starts to plummet after the age of 35. No one knows exactly why, but one theory is that some older women's eggs start getting old and wrinkly, like seeds that have lain in a cupboard too long. Another theory is that the lining of a woman's womb starts drying up and fertilised eggs simply can't into a sour field. (Excuse the medical aside, but I write as one who tried to get pregnant at 39 and failed.) Even if Wendy were to meet Mr Right in the next year - and there are few enough nice men available, as anyone in their

be 39. Her chances of pregnancy might have been lost for ever. Now, what about the child? Since Wendy's relationship with her boyfriend is so unstable, I think they ought to make contingency plans, quite coldly, about more binding than what happens to the child should they split. They should agree, before it's even born, whether it should live with her or her

boyfriend most of the time, and

thirties will tell you; they're not

left in the stable for nothing - it

would probably be another two

years at least before they'd con-

sider a family, and by then she'd

dence of friends who've had late that whatever happens each would always allow the other to have unlimited access. They should agree that they would never stop their in-laws from visiting, and that neither would leave the country for the next 15 years - or, if they do, to do it in tandem. They should agree that they're not having a baby to save their relationship or to bind them together, but because they have a lot of love to give a child, even

> By openly acknowledging the instability of their relationship, and discussing the options in the event of a split, they have, paradoxically, a chance to make life for their child more, rather than less, secure than that of children of parents who aren't prepared for divorce. And if they can't agree on these ground rules now, then perhaps they should think twice about

love for each other.

. Finally, they should remember that having a baby together is far marriage. You can always get divorced, but once you have a baby you're related, as par-

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READERS' SUGGESTIONS

This may work well for you Go for it only if you are happy, willing and able to go it alone. If this man also wants to have children, hopefully he will be able to provide the stable, committed relationship with them he appears unable to have with you. I was in a similar situation - our son is now nine years old. Coparenting works well for us and our son. However, it's not everyone's cup of tea. CAROLINE BUCKNALL London N4

Full discussion is the key It is wonderful that Wendy's man is broody too. They should "go for it" – but discuss and confirm their relationship first. Wendy is intelligent and will have chosen to go out with a man bright enough to be father to her children. Sharing the fun and trials of parenthood will bind them together as never before. Wendy knows she has not many childbearing years left. Perhaps her man realises that his ability to become a father reduces with age. JILL WILLIAMS Knebworth, Hertfordshire

Take a responsible attitude A child, ideally, needs two loving and committed parents. We often hear claims of people's "right" to have a

child, yet we are in danger of widening the chasm between rights and responsibilities. A child is neither a commodity nor an accessory to life; it is a

life in itself. Too many women regard the menopause as a "closing down sale", so they'd better procreate. Wendy should examine her motives and ask not "what can a child do for me", but "what can I do for a child?" NANCY RYAN Wirral, Merseyside

NEXT WEEK'S DILEMMA

Dear Virginia. Since he was two. my 10year-old son from my first marriage has spent equal time at each parental home. I now have twins of four with my new partner. The problem is, my son's mother and her husband have a life of conspicuous materialism, while we're more frugal And at his mother's the bou is allowed to watch films he can't watch here, and can go to bed when he likes. My son is starting to find the standards of our home relatively Draconian. He's starting to behave like a spoilt brat. I love him, but question whether to-ing and fro-ing between different lifestyles

is good for him. I feel we could bring him up better, but his mother would never consent. Should the status quo continue, or should one parent let go and allow him to spend more time in one environment? How flexible can children be? Yours sincerely, Simon

Anyone with advice quoted will be sent a bouquet from Interflora. Send letters and dilemmas to Virginia Ironside, 'The Independent', 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL, fax 0171-293 2182; e-mail dilemmas à independent co. uk, giving a postal address for a bouquet

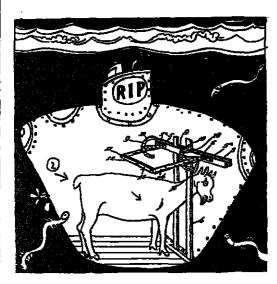
POETIC LICENCE

GOATS SUFFER IN SUBMARINE TESTS BY MARTIN NEWELL

ILLUSTRATION BY MICHAEL HEATH

Hundreds of goats have been subjected to decompression tests by military scientists to see what might happen to sailors trapped in submarines. Concerned MPs week about the experiments, to find

out exactly how many goats have died.



Well no. The goats don't always die. Quite a few of them are reusable. But not as actual submarine crew Since they don't have opposable thumbs

And they'd be no use in wartime Because of smells in confined spaces Oh and horns getting stuck in hatches So we use decompression chambers.

Well, they use pigs for testing live ammo So I suppose we scientists just thought: "Submarines? Decompression? The bends? Gotta be goats. For sure. Absolutely. Yup."

Think about it. One minute I'm at uni. Then the next I've answered this advert: Reckon You've Got What it Takes? Come and compress goats for the Navy."

"Had a bard day at the labs, darling? Any closer to sorting out that pressure problem? Any fan mail from grateful sailors then?" Nope. We sure gave those goat spleens what for though.

So do the goats get distressed about it? How should I know? No. I'm not trying to Worm out of it. This is what they say: "They bleat and leap around." Whatever.

No. I don't know what the women scientists think. One of the guys got taken off it, though. Oh and your brother, the leftie nutter, told me To have a word with myself. About myself.

What? Didja think we'd put them in their own Little submarines? With peaked caps? In an immersion tank. Like in the film Das Goat? Sorry. Cheap shot. Don't cry.

Death on the docks: the short life and violent end of Simon Jones

A student on the dole was sent to a job that killed him. Who will take the blame? By Barrie Clement

n many ways, Simon Jones was an infuriating young man. Unpunctual, often unseemed incapable of sticking to any activity which might give him a conventional career. He went to study government at Essex University, but stayed for just a term. Then, after a couple of years working in London, he opted to go to Sussex University to begin a degree in social anthropology. After three years, he decided on the first morning of his final exams that he couldn't go through with it.

By all accounts, however, Simon was far brighter than the average university student. He was also a committed environmentalist, an implacable opponent of racism and a charming, gentle and caring young man; a free spirit. One of the issues that concerned him most deeply was safety at work. (Simon was a member of the Brighton-based direct-action group Justice?, which campaigned on behalf of the Liverpool dockers who went on strike against the "casualisation" of the industry.)

Almost a year after leaving university – having made a commitment to go back and complete his degree ~ Simon was sent by an employment agency to work at Shoreham Docks. He was claiming the Jobseekers' Allowance and the Employment Service insisted that he take any work offered to him. Some two hours after arriving at the docks on 24 April, he was dead, his head partly severed. He had been working in the hold of a ship

and a crane grab had crushed him. The work Simon undertook for Euromin, a Dutch-owned firm, was hazardous to say the least. His job was to attach bags of cobblestones to hooks which had been welded to the inside of the open grab. He received just a few minutes' training. The conventional method would have been to attach a hook to the crane. Employees at Euromin, however, contend that the company was reluctant to change the crane from grab to hook and back

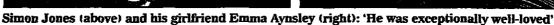
again because it cost time and money. When the accident happened, the police and ambulance service were called, but the fire brigade also went to the scene so that Simon could be brought out of the hold. The crane driver and Euromin's general manager, James Martell, were arrested, but both were released without charge.

Emma Ayusley, Simon's girlfriend at the time, has since been part of a campaign to bring those responsible for his death to book. "I'm astonished that there weren't better safety precautions and that an inexperienced person could be employed to undertake a job that was clearly dangerous."

It is difficult to think of anyone less suited to the job that Simon was asked to do. Aithough he was a robust young man, he was also given to selfin the Commons on 3 March this

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absorption. His time-keeping - or the lack of it - was legendary. His intellectual achievements as a

young boy were remarkable. While still at primary school, he read historical novels and at 13 years of age read Brendan Behan's Borstal Boy, which gave him strong views about our penal system. At 14, he identified very much with the Communist Party and by the age of 15, his teacher said he had read more than most people do in a lifetime. He became involved with causes such as the anti-apartheid

and anti-poll tax campaigns. His mother Chris says that when beggars asked him for money, he invariably gave it to them, even though he had little himself. But his seriousness about politics never obscured his "wacky" sense of humour. "He was exceptionally well-loved,"

says his mother For the last 10 months, Emma and his other friends, together with his mother and father, have waged a campaign to ensure that charges are preferred against those responsible. They insist that Personnel Selection, the agency which sent him to the docks, had a legal responsibility to ensure that the work was both suitable and safe. The company has pointed out that the Department of Industry has investigated its methods and resolved

Campaigners have put pressure on the Crown Prosecution Service to take action against Euromin. and against Mr Martell. The CPS initially decided that there was insufficient evidence for a charge of manslaughter, but has been persuaded to reconsider the case. In an impassioned speech year, George Galloway, Labour MP for Glasgow Kelvin, made clear where he thought responsibility lay. He told MPs that Mr Martell had not sent a word of condolence to the family and had "laughed out loud" when he was

told that he could face prosecution. "Martell's contempt for the laws of health and safety in this country, his greed and hunger for profit and his negligence and carelessness slaughtered a young man just as clearly as if he had pushed him off the dock with

his own hands," said Mr Galloway. Simon's family is now awaiting the further deliberations of the CPS. They could consider taking out a private

five such charges in the last 30 years.

Gary Slapper, law director of the Open University, believes that official figures for deaths at work understate the real situation and that 20 per cent of fatalities involve managerial behaviour which give "good prima facie" grounds for manslaughter charges. Researchers at the Health and Safety Executive found that 70 per cent of the 739 deaths on building and civil engineering sites could have been avoided

by "positive management action". Emma, who was at Sussex University with Simon, says that the CPS is simply "reluctant to prosecute people in suits". She believes the execu-

'I'm astonished an inexperienced person could be employed on a job so clearly dangerous'

prosecution, but that could prove both expensive and difficult, according to Louise Christian, the solicitor acting for the Jones family. The family is hoping for an inquest verdict of unlawful killing which, if necessary, could put pressure on government prosecutors

to reopen the case for a third time. The HSE has already registered its intention to take proceedings under health and safety legislation. That could result in fines, but at a "pitifully low level" according to the Jones family. A conviction for corporate manslaughter could result in Mr Martell and other Euromin executives serving jail sentences. As Mrs Jones says, the authorities are notoriously reluctant to accuse executives of manslaughter. There have only been

tive's reluctance might well have been fuelled by Simon's unconventional approach to life. If he had been a "suit" perhaps the political pressure would have been irresistible. Simon lived in an unused building in Brighton with his friends. However, the local council regarded them as "benign" squatters and even offered them the key to another building when their "home" was due to be taken over.

While Ms Christian has been attempting to put pressure on government prosecutors, Simon's friends have taken to the streets. On 1 September last year, which would have been Simon's 25th birthday, protesters invaded Euromin's Shoreham Dock and unfurled banners from two 80 foot towers reading "Simon Jones RIP"

and "Casualisation kills". Two days later they occupied the Brighton office of Personnel Selection. Earlier this month (March), after lobbying parliament, some of them forced their way past security guards at the Department of Trade and Industry in London, setting off a fire alarm. The building was evacuated and the demonstrators ejected. Simon, they believe, would have approved

Andrew Hasson

There is little doubt that young people are particularly vulnerable in potentially hazardous circumstances. Paul Convery, a director of the Unemployment Unit, says that employers often underestimate the degree to which experienced workers are able to avoid danger. New recruits are much more vulnerable

He also believes that despite new instructions issued by the Government, the Employment Service is always keen to meet its target for getting people into jobs. "Some officials may be overkeen and send young peo-

ple to unsuitable jobs," he says. Simon's mother and father, both teachers, intend to fight on. Anne Jones argues that there was a "serious and obvious risk" to Simon because of the working conditions at the dock and that therefore there is sufficient evidence to bring a charge of manslaughter. She believes that most of the so-called "accidents" at work are anything but accidental: more often than not they are simply because management has failed to take the steps necessary to remove the risks. "Simon had a lot going for him," she says. "He had so much to live for, I know I can't bring him back, but if I can stop it happening to someone else. I will feel I've achieved something."

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Sister of the more famous Jane



Despite passion, eroticism and humour, Charlotte Brontë's masterpiece Villette has long been overshadowed by Jane Eyre (possibly because, reader,

she doesn't marry him). But a star cast on Radio 4 may change that. By Mark Bostridge

was asked to write an extended essay on any work of literature we chose. I decided on Charlotte Brontë's last novel, Villette. It . proved to be a rather unpopular choice.

Villette, I was told with a degree of scorn by the - all-male - English department, was too strongly autobiographical to merit close criticism. Like Matthew Arnold, who wrote at the time of the book's first publication in 1853 that "the writer's mind contains nothing but hunger, rebellion, and rage", they considered Villette to be "disagreeable". Some of them had been at Cambridge during FR Leavis's ascendancy, and had absorbed at first hand his famous assertion in The Great Tradition that there was "only The Bronte". For him, Wuthering Heights
Sured the primacy of Emily Bronte over her sisters and, in a slighting put-down of admirers of Charlotte's genius, he allowed only that she had merely done something "interesting" with her personal experience.

especially in Villette. Critical fashions change, and in the two decades since my schooldays Charlotte Bronte's reputation as a writer has risen to "unpruned fancies" of Jone Eyre in favour new heights, helped in part by the emergence of feminist literary theory. There has been a sharp move away from the purely biographical interest that has always the two years she had spent as a teacher bedevilled serious consideration of her in Brussels at the Pensionnat Heger. There

t school, my English class emphasise the rich symbolism and poetic imagery of her novels, as well as their psychological complexity.

On a more popular level, there has also been a continuous stream of stage, television and film adaptations of Jane Eyre, the novel that made Charlotte famous and has remained hugely popular ever since. Villette, in contrast, has never received such widespread recognition, though few critics today would deny that it stands as Charlotte Bronte's most profound achievement. Lucasta Miller, who is completing a study of the Bronte myth, considers Villette to be "a distinctly uncomfortable read and definitely an acquired taste, but for those who persevere, it is undoubtedly Charlotte Bronte's masterpiece".

It remains true, however, that the novel's unsympathetic heroine, its relative lack of dramatic incident and its enigmatic ending which denies the story a romantic resolu-tion, has made VIllette difficult to popularise. This makes Radio 4's three-part adaptation of the novel, beginning on Easter Sunday, a daring choice for their classic serial slot and a particularly welcome one.

In Villette, Charlotte Bronte forsakes the of a new sobriety; a sad, strong stoicism, based on her own chastened experience of love. She drew closely on her experience of work, towards critical studies that she had formed a passionate, but painfully



Villette's cast, minus Joseph Fiennes: Harriet Walter, Catherine McCormack and James Laurenson

unrequited, attachment to Constantin Heger, the Pensionnat's brilliant literature teacher and husband of the directrice, and the first person to recognise her extraordinary creative genius. Through Villette's portrayal of the relationship between Lucy Snowe and Paul Emanuel, Charlotte Bronte seeks to make creative gain out of the personal loss and emotional deprivation she had suffered in her self-torturings over her beloved Monsieur Heger.

Lucy Snowe is an outsider. She is an orphan without social status, a teacher in a foreign school, and a Protestant in a Catholic country. She appears as an "inoffensive shadow" whose seeming passivchafes at the restrictions that society places on women. But Lucy is also the archetypal unreliable narrator, whose concealment becomes a metaphor for psychological instability, and for the perils of repression in matters of the heart.

It is perhaps Lucy's evasiveness, and the reader's nagging suspicion that she can't be trusted, that has most discouraged dramatists from adapting Villette for other media. There have been two television versions, one in 1957 (with Jill Bennett as Lucy) and another in the early Seventies (with Judy Parfitt): there was also a stage adaptation at the Sheffield Crucible a couple of years ago. But this is a poor showing compared with the way in which Jone Eyre and Wuthering Heights have passed into the

general culture via television and film. James Friel the adapter of the new Radio 4 Villette, who co-directed it with Catherine time may be right for a big-screen adapt-Bailey, agrees that the novel "is notoriously ity cloaks an attitude of rebellion that difficult to adapt". His solution has been to opt for a more straightforward narrative and to dispense with the "wicked authorial game". He allows that some of the slipperiness of the original, which he describes as "like a Rubic cube", has thereby been lost. but argues that in exchange you get a

clearer and stronger dramatic line.

Friel and Bailey have assembled a fine cast: Catherine McCormack (in her first radio role) as Lucy Snowe; Joseph Flennes as Dr John (whose relationship with Lucy is based on Charlotte Bronte's own vicissitudes in her friendship with her publisher, "the curled darling" of Cornhill, George Smith); James Laurenson as a fiery Paul Emanuel; and Harriet Walter as a superbly evil Madame Beck. And Friel makes no secret of his and Bailey's hopes for an eventual film version of Villette. He has written the screenplay already and believes that the ation. "Villette has everything," he says. "Passion, eroticism, humour. In so many ways, it is a very modern novel."

'Villette' is broadcast as Radio 4's Classic Serial at 3pm from Sun 4 April to Sun 18 April, and published on audiocassette by BBC Worldwide on Mon 5 April

Greed is still good

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SWAN THEATRE STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

OPENING THE season at the Swan Theatre in Stratfordupon-Avon, Lindsay Posner directs an incisive and highly entertaining revival of Ben Jouson's Volpone.

The thrust stage is dominated by a tall, blasphemous cabinet containing a great cascade of golden objets, and fronted by a crucifix on which, supplanting Christ, a dead monkey has been roped. At the back, the carcasses of swans and other

game dangle from hooks. This symbolic juxtaposition (the glittering incorruptibility of gold contrasted with the putrefaction of the flesh) shrewdly epitomises the neurosis that drives Jonson's hero. His idolatrous fetishising of glittering inorganic treasure stems from an abnormal dread of personal decay and death.

Ironic, then, that his celebrated scam involves him pretending to be bedridden and dying so as to fleece the predatory flatterers who ply him with gifts in the hope of being made his heir.

Malcolm Storry delivers Jonson's muscular verse with great beauty and intelligence but remains a little too ruggedly virile for the perverted, ingrown atmosphere that Posner has rightly created.

However, Guy Henry is a joy as Mosca, the sidekick worm that turns. Pretending to be all soulful solicitude with the greedy, obsessive dupes, he allows a glimpse of casual private contempt for them to flicker subversively in his eyes

When he launches into Mosca's marvellous speech of soaring awe at his own devious ingenuity, Mr Henry's lanky limbs tense and buckle as if suppressing a rocket energy that would take him through the roof. Not to be missed. PAUL TAYLOR

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version of this review appeared in later editions of the main section

The very small world of Neil Simon

SEEMS only yesterday that Richard Dreyfuss and Marsha Mason were up there on screen cutesily kvetching at one another in Neil Simon's The Goodbye GirL

Visitors to the Theatre Royal, Haymarket now will experience a spooky sense of déià vu. for there they are again, grousing away with undiminished ingratiation, for all the world as though they have never laid off in the intervening 22 years. This time, though, they are starting as the central couple in The Prisoner of Second Avenue, Simon's 1971 stage hit, revived with a sure instinct for the tastes of its target audience by

yid Taylor Dreyfuss (grizzled now, but as dinkily dumpy as ever) and Mason (still sporting the kind of adorably bobbed schnozzle that looks like a nose-job) perform the piece with ruthless THEATRE

THE PRISONER OF SECOND AVENUE THEATRE ROYAL HAYMARKET LONDON

charm and efficiency. What with all the flapping, palms-up gesticulation they tirelessly use to embellish Simon's relentiess wisecracks, a visitor from outer space might deduce that the pair of them were primitive precursors of birds embarked on the first cackhanded efforts at flight. But then, the whole enterprise has an aura of the antique. Given that Simon's comedies seem superannuated on their original outings, it's no surprise that they have generated a thriving revival industry centred on the twinkly names of

shine Bous.

Here, Dreyfuss plays Mel, a corporate man who suffers a nervous breakdown when he's fired. Well, I say "nervous breakdown"; it would be more accurate to say "pretext for an unending string of dyspeptic one-liners about the aggravations of New York life" - from the noisy German air hostesses in the apartment next door to the wonky air conditioning to the complaining neighbours overhead who twice rudely baptise him with

a bucket of water. If you compare Mel with a character like the depressed, childless wife in Terry Johnson's Dead Funny, you will get the measure of the difference between a person whose be a matter of time before end of her tether, and a thieves have stolen. This is a

they exhume George Burns for dramatic cipher who is under-a retread tour of The Sun-going a nice safe, audiencegoing a nice safe, audiencefriendly nervous breakdown to get mechanical laughs.

Even at his most purportedly desperate, Mel has sufficient presence of mind to come out with rib-ticklers such as "I go to the 200; the monkeys nudge each other and say: he's here again." When Mel comments, of the

fact that he keeps mislaying himself, "I don't need therapists, I need Lost and Found". you're inclined to cry out. Baby, what you really need is a better dramatist". It's the same when Ms Mason, arriving back at the apartment to find it burgled, and has a brief crying fit that truthfully tunes you into the sense of violation, only to be instantly turned back into a cartoon lacerating wit really does character haplessly searching yesteryear It can surely only demonstrate that she is at the for the whisky and valium the



Richard Dreyfuss and Marsha Mason

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para-reality world. like Ruri- captives of Neil Simon's com-PAUL TAYLOR

A compact comedy of manners

SMETANA IS thriving this season. The Bortered Bride has enjoyed two new productions from the Royal Opera and Opera North – with Glyndebourne's still in the pipeline. Scottish Opera's visually arresting Dalibor, in David miney's Edinburgh stag-dg, rubbed shoulders with Eva Urbanova's dazzling concert rendering of the mythical

Bohemian queen, Libuse There's more good Smetana to hand. The Kiss this exquisite sequel to The Bartered Woll, and even his marginally ponderous The Brandenburg- has shades of Cost and even

OPERA THE TWO WIDOWS CITY OF BIRMINGHAM TOURING OPERA

ers in Bohemia could all transfer well to the English stage. Richard Strauss was an avid tan of The Two Widows, currently being toured in Graham Vick's new production for the City of Birmingham Touring Opera. It's easy to see why. It's a compact comedy of manners: the earlier version used Bride, The Secret, The Devil's here, which admits spoken dialogue and just four solo roles, her, amid shrugs and sighs, to

The cousins, Karolina and Aneshka, are very different. To the former: "Widowhood is a new beginning." She rises to the challenge, runs her husband's estate, and advocates -

of guilt. One keeps expecting

echo Varya's line from The

in a captivating Act I aria delivered with splendid apkomb by Kate Flowers - that Living is what life is for'. Aneshka, the victim of an arran-ged marriage with an unloved elderly husband, prolongs her mourning in clerical black from a misplaced sense

Arabella or Capriccio about it. Cherry Orchard: "If only God would help us."

Graham Vick's stylish, economical production looks good, thanks to a trimly attractive self-standing stage put together in the Royal Opera House workshops, a simple Chekhovian set in pastels, neat moves within the constrained acting area. and unfussy lighting. The chorus is omitted and the orchestra pared to a piano quintet, shearing the arias of Smetana's vivid orchestration but underlining

allows the piano to protrude. but keeps a hold on tempi, ritenuti and rubato to the advantage of players and singers

alike. In Act I, not just Ladislav, suitor-turned-poacher (David Owen) and Mumial, the grumpy gamekeeper factotum (Michael Druiett), but all four singers tended to overbear for the acoustic - audibility is crucial - and at some cost to colouring and through-line. Despite a witty mock-trial.

even the exquisite cello-led quartet initiated by Aneshka felt too much like Verdi, too litthe salon intimacy of the piece. Christopher Willis, directing tle like Mozart, Rather, it was from the keyboard, occasionally the accompanying quintet

which underlined the score's delicate shading and variety.

Act II was uplifting. Beverley Mills caught the poignancy of Aneshka's conflicting motives with inspired solo singing. The opening quintet, Ladislay's offstage aria, the girls duet, the letter scene. Karolina's firting. Mumlal's smug aria, and the final quartet all caught the wit and fun of Emanuel Zungel's libretto, enhanced by Graham Vick's spirited additional dialogue.

RODERIC DUNNETT

The Two Widows' tours until 29 May (0121-246-6644)

A pianist's progress

BORIS BEREZOVSKY divided his charity recital at St John's Smith Square on Monday between Rachmaninov and Chopin. The first half was quite simply beyond criticism.

In the first seven of Rachmaninov's Op23 Preludes. Berezovsky commanded all the tonal allure and strength you dream of in these glamorous pieces. It looked effortless, and only the perspiration glistening on his face when he took his bow betrayed the physical effort involved. But he didn't even walk off before playing three of Rachmaninov's moments musicaux - the second in which the bewildered, aerial chromaticism approaches the style of Scriabin; the gloomily Slavonic third piece and the heroic, ballad-like fourth.

Berezovsky's Chopin was equally remarkable, though Chopin's emotional complexity and fine nervous quality – not at all the same as neurotic fragility, which he's sometimes accused of - were replaced by a masterful, sweeping view of each piece.

In the first scherzo, Berezovsky reserved his full fury for the return of the fast tempo after the dreamy middle section. which was so relaxed and free it was almost bleary.

There's no doubt that pianists not only learn from their predecessors but also seek to outdo them. So, work-

CLASSICAL BORIS BEREZOVSKY ST JOHN'S SMITH SQUARE LONDON

> MARIA JOÃO PIRES BARBICAN LONDON

ing his way through a selection from Chopin's Op 10 Studies at the end of a demanding evening, Berezovsky showed a stamina and dexterity that may have set a new record.

A far cry from the recital by the Portuguese pianist Maria João Pires at the Barbican on Tuesday: It's a huge place to fill, and the Barbican could make a few experiments to help bring the piano sound closer to the audience. Pires is not exactly a big player, and though she delivered much of Chopin's F minor Fantasy with elegant fluency; she risked excessively slow tempi in the opening and middle sections. Debussy's "Pour le Piano" seemed effortful and Mozart's A major Sonata K331 painstaking, with its Turkish rondo finale cut

down to a modest trot. I'm probably in a minority in finding the evening heavy going, for the ovation was warm, and while the audience responded to Pires's nun-like demeanour with enthusiasm. I found it faintly ridiculous.

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FILM

Flintlock and two smoking barrels

eriod drama is now hought to be so cobvebbed with cliché that most producers and directors won't try anything historical unless they can cast it in the image of the Nineties. The past now has to pull its weight not just in terms of contemporary "relevance", but in language and style, too. The prevailing idea seems to be that cinema audiences have time for the past only if it looks and sounds like the present. So anachronism has become the new orthodoxy.

At one end of the scale you have the high comedy of Shakespeare in Love, which directs the traffic between the 16th century and our own with self-conscious erudition and wit. At the other end, you have Plunkett & Macleane, a tale of two dandy highwaymen that re-imagines the mid-18th century as a sort of costumed rock video. The director, Jake Scott, whose previous credits are in the business of music videos, made plain his intentions when he decided "to liberate myself from being slavish to the history books". While certainly no one will accuse him of accuracy, this creative of a London gentleman, insinuate licence leaves him with a gap to himself into high society and idenfill - what do you put in the place

THE BIG PICTURE



ANTHONY QUINN

PLUNKETT & MACLEANE (15) DIRECTOR: JAKE SCOTT STARRING: ROBERT CARLYLE. JONNY LEE MILLER, LIV TYLER, KEN STOTT 101 MINUTES

The answer turns out to be a buddy movie, based on the lives of two lesser-known highway desperadoes. Bankrupt James Macleane (Jonny Lee Miller) joins felonious forces with Will Plunkett (Robert Carlyle) while in Newgate prison, and once released they launch a cunning plan. With Plunkett's money, Macleane will don the habiliments tify those grandees most suitable for

and since movie outlaws also require an implacable adversary, here comes Thief-Taker General, Chance (Ken Stott), a shaven-headed sadist with a punitive line in dentistry. The film-makers aren't going to leave us puzzling over whom we should be rooting for Even if Macleane is a dissolute coxcomb and Plunkett a chippy ruffian, they're glamorous rogues in the mould of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid; they do their work with such charm, we're meant to think it an honour to be robbed by them. There's even a feisty blueblood named Rebecca (Liv Tyler) to take on the Katharine Ross chick-in-the-

The pity of it is that, having established its pistol-toting heroes, the film hasn't much of a clue what to do with them. Scott and his design team have put some effort into conjuring the Hogarthian grime and corruption of London - nobody seems to have taken a bath since the first Jacobite rebellion - but it still has the look of an 18th-century themepark. For scenes of bustling street life, cue a cockfight, a passing sedan chair and a cast of snaggle-toothed extras. For scenes of beau-monde extravagance, cue swarms of powdered popiniavs not seen in such looming close-up since The

middle role.



which Macleane must engage the attentions of a woman "as rich as she is horny" - the locution is typical, I'm afraid - though here as elsewhere credulity is affronted by the decision to overlay the action with a thumping techno sound-track. I suppose somebody fancied this to be a daring juxtaposition of styles.

The same desire to be up-to-theminute even influences the one aspect of costume drama you'd expect any film to get right - the costume. When the society rake Lord Rochester (Alan Cumming, in a supremely annoying performance) appears wearing what is plainly a Philip Treacy hat, you sigh wearily at one more snook being cocked at

big set-pieces is a society ball at rant modishness. I kept being reminded of another recent debut, Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels, in which Guy Ritchie used his training in commercials to deliver a flashy MTV version of a London gangland picture. The difference is that Ritchie had the good sense not to let his adman's instincts run away with him; the farcical plot whipped by so quickly you barely registered the flimsiness of the construction.

> Jake Scott, on the other hand, is less adept at concealing his com-mercial background and indulges the magpie sensibility with some recklessness. He's something of a highwayman himself in the way he steals from other movies; Peter Greenaway is a favourite, though you

Thirty-Nine Steps. This isn't a crime for a film-maker – even Welles stole - but in the case of Plunkett & Macleane you never sense that anything much underpins the borrowings. Everything has been designed to within an inch of its life, and nothing thought through.

Like his father, Scott exhibits a flair for composition without convincing us that he has the intelligence to back it up. He has been spectacularly let down by the script, which took no fewer than three people to write. "What rhymes with Rebecca?" Macleane asks. "Pecker." replies Plunkett. That's about the doesn't deliver.

nie and Clyde, Tom Jones and The Jonny Lee Miller are not naturally comic talents. The bantam aggres sion of the one and the sculpted handsomeness of the other have been used to good effect before; here they're required to do little more than look athletic and point their horses the right way. Nothing in the movie is sillier than the scene in which they rob the guests at a wedding banquet and exit to the picturesque accompaniment of fireworks. Disbelief, at first suspended, starts twisting on the gallows long before the end. So much effort for the sake of flash and dash. This thing stands, just about, but it

Even if the screenplay had been Jake Scott is interviewed on

ALSO SHOWING

THE NIGHT OF THE HUNTER CHARLES LAUGHTON (12) EBLAST FROM THE PAST HUGH WILSON (12) EBEVOND SILENCE CAROLINE LINK (12) TEA WITH MUSSOLINI FRANCO ZEFFIRELLI (PG)

FIRST REVILED on its release in 1955, The Night of the Hunter has since been embraced. rightly as one of the greatest of all American films. How to explain its lyrical strangeness? It was a one-off for both its director, Charles Laughton, and its star. Robert Mitchum, whose performance as a deranged evangelist preacher was spookily different from his traditional tough-guy persona. Adapted from a novel by Davis Crubb, the film is pitched somewhere between a Depression fable and a black fairytale, and touches on subjects still at the heart of contemporary cinema: innocence, childhood, murder, sexual repression, and the mystery of good and evil.

Set in Thirties Ohio, it concerns the fate of two children. Pearl, and her older brother John, who are made privy to the stuff of nightmares this, his whereabouts of the \$10,000 their father stole just before his arrest and execution. His feckless widow (Shelley Winters) is

then ensnared by the itinerant feels relieved not to have seen preacher, Harry Powell, who tries to intimidate her children into telling him where the loot is. When their mother suddenly "disappears", brother and sister escape downriver on a skiff, with Powell in relentless pursuit. And just as this children's story has a bogeyman, it also has a fairy godmother in the kindly old woman (Lillian Gish) who offers them a home.

The film critic James Agee wrote the script (Laughton apparently rewrote it), though far more notable is Stanley Cortez's eerie black and white photography. There are images here that amaze and horrify - a drowned woman's bair waving in languid unison with the weeds; the preacher, mounted and singing, silhouetted against a horizon; and, the hands reaching to grasp the children as he pursues them up the cellar steps. As David Thomson has remarked, one

this film as a child-it could scar you for life. Yet childhood and its private

accommodations are the central current here. "Children are humanity's strongest - they abide," says the old woman. Strongest, and strangest, too. Why does John swoon in distress when troopers arrest Powell? And why does he then refuse to identify the killer in court? There are puzzles within The Night of the Hunter that defy elucidation, as it should be with any great work of art. That it was a failure in its day ensured that Laughton never got to direct another film. Let's be grateful that the only one he did make is a masterpiece.

Blast From The Past puts the idea of Pleasantville in reverse. It's 1962, and convinced that Cuban missiles are about to launch the apocalypse, a paranoid Californian professor (Christopher Walken) rushes his pregnant wife (Sissy



Cher and Lily Tomlin in Tea with Mussolini

Spacek) into a vast bomb shelter stocked with all mod cons and a lifetime's supply of frozen food. When a plane crashes on top of their house, the prof believes it's a nuclear strike and

seals the shelter locks for 35 years. Marooned within this hermetic bunker, their son Adam grows up to be a strapping young man with perfect

suave dance technique which he has picked up from his parents' swing records.

He's also completely guileless, so when he emerges blinking into the sunshine of present day LA for the first time in his life, we're all set for another fish-out-of-water comedy. As played by Brendan Fraser Adam's a puppyish naïve in search of a wife, so naturally the first woman he meets is called Eve (Alicia Silverstone), who can't figure out how somebody this handsome can also be so

courteous and decent. Even if the picture slumps in the last third, there are terrific laughs along the way: Adam's saucer-eyed delight with the modern world - colour telly! a computer in the home! - recalls something of Tom Hanks' winning naïvety in Big, and his retro-swing hoofing at a trendy nightspot is so ecstatically performed as to be funny and

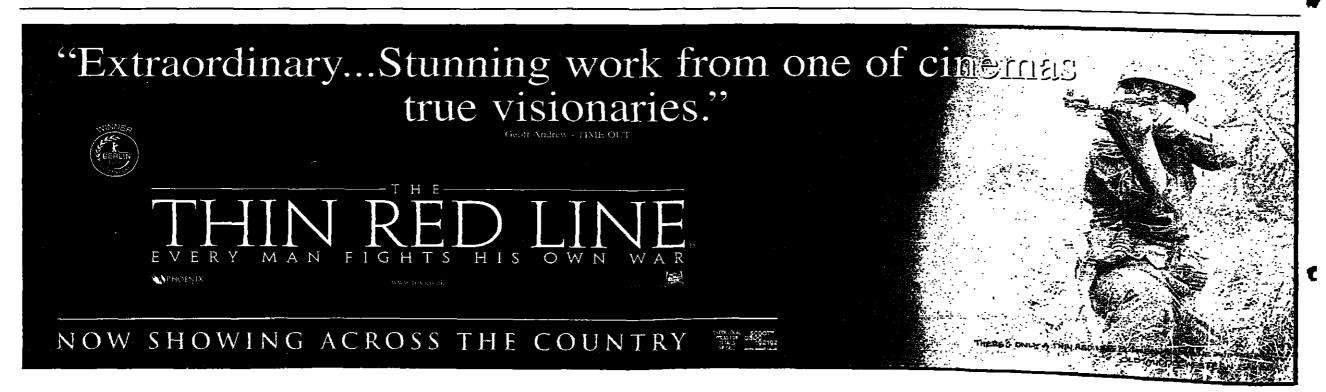
become complicated, but Brendan Fraser has a wit and wistfulness that keep you on the film's side.

Caroline Link's Beyond Silence is a family drama about a daughter's faltering steps towards independence. Nothing new there - except in the case of Lara (Sylvie Testud) her parents are deaf, and she is their cherished intermediary with the outside world. This can mean helping them negotiate with their bank manager or, rather more cutely, translating her teacher's critical report. Lara's close relationship with her father (Howie Seago) is put to the test when the birthday

present of a clarinet from her affectionate but controlling aunt draws her away from home, leaving him more isolated than ever. The last film I saw that combined deafness and musical talent was the extouching all at once. Director cruciating Mr. Holland's Opus, manners, good French and a Hugh Wilson settles for easy and I feared a similar drift

options when things threaten to here. Yet Beyond Silence prizes subtlety and restraint over schmaltz, examining the crosscurrents of familial tension and guilt with a beady yet compassionate eye. It deserves every

> Is Franco Zeffirelli trying to do Merchant-Ivory out of a job? Tea With Mussolini is straight from the school of cream linen and tea on the terrace, with a fearsome trio of English grande dames - Maggie Smith, Judi Dench, Joan Plowright - leading an expat clique through the perils of wartime Tuscany. Cher and Lily Tomlin hold up the American end. Zeffirelli doesn't direct so much as preside, while John Mortimer's script is a soft pillow of tweeness and whimsy on which to lay your head. Yes, Florence looks beautiful, but you'd have to be pretty inept to make it look anything else. Difficult to work up a response to a film as compla-



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The leaver of the pack

Ally Sheedy did the child star thing; played the misfit; got the sack from her own agent. Now she's back on the screen and her

mum, for one, is delighted. By Roger Clarke

lly Sheedy was never a happy bratpacker. She may have been in some seminal Hollywood teen films of the mid-Eighties – as Sean Penn's girlfriend in Bad Boys (1983), as a basketcase in The Breakfast Club (1985) and part of a steamy love-triangle in St Elmo's Fire (1985) – but she largely spurned any association with the snotty but

determined partying of the bratpack mob. Within a few years she had sunk without trace. As Emilio Estevez, Rob Lowe and especially Demi Moore went on to bigger things, Ally Sheedy couldn't even get an audition. There followed stories of depression, sarky comments about her peer group, addiction to prescription painkillers, a book of poetry... That's how bad it was.

Now she's back from a career coma with a clutch of awards for her role in Lisa Cholodenko's hugely praised, stylish début feature High Art, which opens the London Lesbian and Gay Festival next week, and for which she has won an "Indy Oscar" the Independent Spirit Award for Best actress. Who would have thought that the daft freekly kid from The Breakfast Club-who in one famous scene scatters her dandruff over a schoolbook page so it looks like snow would find the ultra-chic role she was born for as a moody, thirtysomething les-

bian photographer? Of course, she's an old hand at this game: Sheedy is about to become famous for the third time in as many decades. She was born in 1962, and became something of a child star. By the age of six she was dancing at the Lincoln Center with the American Ballet Theatre, and by 12 had written a set of cute best-selling children's books called She Was Nice to Mice. Just into her teens she was writing features for The New York Times and Village Voice. Then, on completing high school, she moved to LA to become an actress. After fornia's drama department she started landing feature castings. One of her most memorable was as Matthew Broderick's girlfriend in War Games.

"It's a fallacy about the bratpack lifestyle." Sheedy told me on a visit to London a few months ago. "It never existed it was the idea of some journalist, and it was a collusion staged only with the boys."

So those nasty stories of Ally being something of a wallflower were unfounded? Not really. She didn't drink, for starters and, as the daughter of New York intellectuals, was repulsed by the laddish atmosphere when Penn, Estevez and their ilk got together. Even though she was romantically linked to Rob Lowe, she scorned nights out with the boys. "Did I go?" she exclaims, tersely but expertly dragging an inch of ash off her cigarette at the very thought. "Who'd

Her career crashed in 1987 with a string of duds; she managed to eke out a living with dozens of soul-destroying TV movies while at the same time getting in a worse and worse psychological fix. The bratpackers stopped returning her phone calls, and she grew anorexic and addicted to prescription medication. Insensitive publicity surrounding her eating disorders pushed her further into her shell.

"I was very depressed by 1991," she tells me. Even now she's thin and nervy as a whippet. She never quite relaxes, despite occasional nervous releases of laughter. The amazing trademark mouth with its edges turned down is mesmerising. "I felt like a pariah and couldn't even get an audition, not even the chance to read," she recalls, without self-pity. "This went on for years and I'd do workshops and keep myself occupied, but often I just thought I should go back to school and become a vet."

She found solace in an unusual place. "This sounds corny and weird but I had this framed motto in my bathroom and I just only two years at the University of Calikept reading it." she says. "It said: Half the ity." She did. She went back to New York



From absolute low to 'High Art': Hollywood outsider Ally Sheedy at last has a film to suit her maverick status

Neville Elder

battle is being able to take the punishment." I thought, 'I had some very early success and now I'm taking the punishment."

Small things got her through. One of them was an audience with Robert Altman after she had seen his movie Vincent and Theo and somehow homed in on his survivor vibes. A mutual friend contacted the venerable old rebel and he called her up and invited her over. He wasn't quite sure who this narrow-hipped, miserable actress was but he entirely sympathised with her feeling of being crushed, overlooked and unappreciated. "I told him I was so depressed about work - and he replied that it was like this for everybody, and that I had to get out of LA to preserve my san-

and got married and had a daughter.

Her flight from Hollywood didn't quite bottom out till she was finally sacked by her own agent. From this absolute low point came redemption: a year later she was called out of the blue by Rhada Mitchell's agent, who started telling her about a film being developed by a young director, Lisa Cholodenko. It was called High Art and the script had the force of a revelation. "I had waited 10 years for a part like that to come along," Ally recalls. She knew she could act the role of Lucy Berliner, a melancholy arthouse photographer who is coaxed from reclusive status by the ambitions of a pretty, sexually

ambivalent journalist, played by Rhada. "Lucy's entire emotional life makes

sense to me," says Ally. "It fits like a glove." Despite growing up in the Valley during the Eighties, Lisa Cholodenko had not seen any of Sheedy's teen films. Yet she cast Ally immediately after her audition was over. The actress had no problems with the lesof High Art? "She's seen it four times," bian role mainly because her mother, the Sheedy says, "and she's never seen any-63-year-old literary agent Charlotte Sheedy. thing I've done four times." is an "out" lesbian herself. "Mom didn't sit

me down and tell me she was a lesbian until I was 18," says Ally. "But the fact of the matter is, being who I am, I knew about it way. way before. I grew up in Upper East Side Manhattan in the Seventies and it would never have occurred to me to judge people in terms of sexual orientation. I never discovered that there were restrictive ways of seeing the world until I was 20 and started giving interviews to people from Iowa." "I've checked it out," is what Sheedy teasingly told Out magazine on the subject of lesbianism, but otherwise she is happily straight. So what does her mother make

Sheedy has three more movies in postproduction (she admits to extraordinary energy levels) and has recently finished a novel that is a heartfelt sliver of biography disguised as charming allegory. "It's been rejected by one publisher but I'm used to rejection. It's about a dog called Betty who becomes an actress in Hollywood, but doesn't want to play just dog roles." Touche.

How to beat the rap

Saul Williams is a street poet and star of the tough US independent film Slam. But can his rhymes bring peace to the city? By Maya Jaggi

SAUL WILLIAMS spent his 25th birthday in Washington DC jail - not as an inmate but as an actor and poet filming Slam, one of the most potent American independent films of recent years. "It was my first day in DC prison," he says. "By the age of 25, a quarter of black men in the States are either dead or locked up, so the day I beat those statistics, there I was - to do research. It was surreal to meet my peers and know I was seconds away from me being them, or them being me."

Williams stars as Raymond (Ray) Joshua, a street poet and petty drug dealer, whose flight from a gang-shooting with a quarter of a pound of marijuana in his pocket plunges him from the frying pan of the Unit-ed States' capital's housing projects to the hellfire of its criminal justice system. The title puns on "the slammer" and "slamming" - the electrifying performance-poetry contests sweeping across America that hint at Ray's salvation.

The first fiction feature by the accomplished documentary film-maker Marc Levin, the story was inspired by Williams's winning performance in the annual grand slam at New York's Nuyorican Cafe in 1996. By the time the actor went to audition, "they had footage of me performing across the country - like I'd been stalked", he laughs. - paying attention to metre, there are no white prisoners in



Saul Williams: 'This film was to combat the bullshit'

Williams, who wrote all Ray's stanza Most of us were raised poetry (but for a freestyle duet on hip-hop and lyricism. But with a real prisoner in the neighbouring cell - "17 years old and serving 75 to life") sees the "underground poetry scene" as heir to hip-hop, the vibrant African-American street culture whose audience

"I'm not a hip-hop poet," he says firmly. "Hip-hop is a rhyth-Whereas spoken-word, slam poetry, performance poetry, is

if hip-hop is the child of poetry, after a while you think, wow, I'd like to meet your parents - likeWalt Whitman and Shakespeare.

Through Slam's realism Williams is also hoping to debunk the pseudo-glamour of But its influences are wider gangsta rap. Shot in nine days - seven in the prison - the film used real prisoners and mic derivative of poetry. guards. Williams's first impression was of a slaveship. "People asked, 'did you screen poetry in the traditional sense out the white prisoners?' No:

DC jail, despite the corrupt politicians and their often delinquent kids." He adds: "The first three days were the most depressing - there was no poetry in those grey walls. I see reciting poems as incantations. spells; they affect you whether you realise it or not. I've read in museums, churches, and loved the way it vibrated. But in prison there was no acoustic vibration; it was like still water. You could lose your voice trying to project in that place which is a hell of a metaphor."

Still only 26, Williams admits the film's success has been slightly overwhelming. "You're put in a position to figurehead this thing, and it changes your life." he says.

Scornful of many of the offers now flooding his way, he says: "A film gets popular in festivals, and Hollywood says, 'Great: here's money to play another drug dealer'. Like. wow, I get to play next to Whoopi Goldberg, or whatever. It's bullshit. And the point of this film was to combat the bullshit".

He remains hopeful, however, convinced that Slam will plant "little seeds". "When a rapper like Coolio gets on national television after seeing Slam and says, 'yo, I saw this film and I wanted to recite a poem' - if we can get just two rappers not to play a part in the fucked-up programming of young people's mind-states then those are the little seeds."



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Scott of the arch antics

Jake Scott, son of Ridley, has just made his first feature film, Plunkett

& Macleane. It's MTV meets The Scarlet Pimpernel. But that wasn't the plan. By Glyn Brown

& Macleone comes thundering its way to a cinema near you, full of Seventh Cavalry charge moments that had the udience I was with roaring deghtedly at the screen. I mention this the director, a slight 33-year-old h a camouflage T-shirt and chinos, nd he smiles ruefully.

"Good," he says. "That's good." Jake Scott is hunkered on a ettee in his office, waiting to see here this is going. He knows that, henever his name is mentioned, it rill be followed by the fact that he's ne son of Ridley (Alien, Blade !unner) and nephew of Tony (Top iun, True Romance). The Scotts re just about the only cinematic ynasty the UK has, and this genrates expectations, as well as irriation in the envious world of novie-making. And Jake's admits nat doors that might be locked to thers have opened for him, though is début was made not for his faner's company but with the Polyram-owned Working Title.

The picture that resulted is a peedy swashbuckler, a crowdleaser, not a brain-teaser. As with ny newcomer lucky enough to be iven a budget and great actors Robert Carlyle is Plunkett, Jonny ee Miller plays Macleane, Liv Tyler nd the redoubtable Ken Stott are 1 there, too), Jake had to recoup the ioney invested, which meant fullling certain commercial requireients. For example, much of the nusic is upbeat, funky house, a ome-on for the Nineties audience. az Luhrmann's acclaimed Romeo · Juliet pulled a similar time-clash ick, but had Shakespeare on its de. And even Jake's father had omplaints. Jake was called up by idley, a man famous for having the erve to underlight his work (last cenes of Alien; unrelieved shadow) ad told: "It's much too dark."

Jake roars with laughter at this oint. "I said: 'It's not too dark, Dad. ou just got old"."

Still, it all means the boy is sitting ere beating himself up over what takes a good first film. "What I was trying to do was

his week Plunkett make a punk movie, something anarchic, as well as wildly anachronistic." He sighs, "Listen, I know the thing has its problems. But it's not a deep human drama. It's a romp, it's a western - highwaymen are our native cowboys. I love cinema and I wanted to make something really cinematic, and I think I achieved that, Yeah, I want to make The Thin Red Line one day, or Nil By Mouth. But I couldn't have managed it as a first feature, and that's the truth."

If he sounds defensive, it may be because something closer to those is what Scott originally had in mind. The music he'd planned was a far cry from the current hip-hop soundtrack.

"T'd started working with Nick Cave... We wanted to use an out of tune violin stringed with catgut, penny whistles, the bodhran and distorted electric guitar. Cave has fantastic Gothic melodrama, and exactly the right folklore touch - the blood on her dress, the moonlight.

"But Working Title began to feel they were spending \$15m (£9m) on an art movie, which is when I realised I had a responsibility. I was persuaded to change my mind." He looks at his feet and shrugs. "They're probably right, Nick Cave doesn't have mass appeal. So I met with Craig Armstrong, whose work I love (Armstrong has written for Massive Attack, and collaborated on the Romeo & Juliet soundtrack). Now the tone is lighter, and people have a good time. But the whole thing was a powerful lesson."

Rumours remain rife about headto-head confrontations between the director and big-shot producer Eric Feliner. "I was a pain in the arse for him. You'd hear us in the editing room at Goldcrest on Dean Street shouts of: 'Fuck you, man!" Still, Scott is a modest fellow, and

aching. He tugs at his beard. "There were battles, but that's the world you're in. I'm grateful I was given this opportunity.

concerned not to seem to be belly-

It wouldn't necessarily have come automatically, though people tend to think otherwise. Jake's parents separated when he was six. He and his siblings were brought up by Ridley. who remarried. Father and son sound like hard work; but their com-



I wasn't academic, and I wanted to thought of Chaucer as Bergman's it's all right.' Seventh Seal.

Ridley wasn't blameless here, having given Jake a walk-on in The Duellists in 1977; a little later, he let Jake appear in Alien. ("All the wide shots when the crew leave the Nostromo and go inside the alien spacecraft were us kids.")

Scott senior set exacting standards by example. "He's from the north of England, and he's got a strong work ethic; it didn't matter what we did as long as we applied ourselves. Sometimes he didn't think I was doing that. He'd say to me - I was a punk, and I dressed quite outlandishly, I suppose - he'd look at me

mon ground was a love of celluloid. and say (slight sneer): 'Man, you "I was expelled from public sure do dress famous.' My family's school for all-round bad behaviour. all very competitive. Dad doesn't offer compliments, either You do get on with working in film - I something good and he'll go: Yeah,

> Jake stirs his coffee. "But he never stood in my way. Never forced his opinions on me. He's a man who leaves you alone to figure things out, but if I ask, he'll give advice. I showed him a post-production cut of Plunkett and he suggested things. Γm very lucky. I tried all of his ideas. Some worked, and some didn't."

Jake may be speaking like a guy with limited experience; in fact, he spent years making award-winning ads before turning to award-winning rock videos (for REM, U2, the Stones, The Verve).

York and LA, which is where he's on page 10

girlfriend and their baby daughter. He's intelligent and humorous and spends 15 minutes of his interview time talking about the situation in Kosovo. Returning to the matter at hand, he lets me in on his initial paralysis around actors he admires.

"The first day I directed a scene with Ken Stott, I was absolutely terrified. Did you see him in the West End in Art? God, he's brilliant. So you're standing on the set, and you're, like, really prepared." He demonstrates teeth-gritted tension. "And Ken said quietly: 'It's all right, Jake. Don't worry, it's all right'."

Jake Scott will probably worry anyway. But that's not a bad sign

He has homes in London, New 'Plunkett & Macleane' is reviewed

The man who knew the score

Bernard Herrmann, composer for Citizen Kane, Psycho and Taxi Driver is celebrated in a new exhibition. By Hettie Judah

DOUGLAS GORDON is probably best known for 24 Hour Psycho, a vast projection of Hitchcock's film. slowed down to last a whole day. By slowing the film down Gordon also silenced it, removing not only the dialogue but also the famous sound-track, written by Hitchcock's most important musical collaborator, Bernard Herrmann. The director himself once described the music as making up 33 per cent of the movie's effect. Herrmann, typically, disagreed: "[Hitchcock] only finishes a picture 60 per cent; I have to finish it off for him."

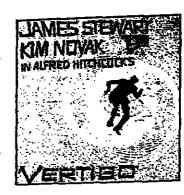
For his first London show since winning the Turner prize in 1996, Gordon is redressing the balance and focusing instead on a Herrmann score; this time Vertigo. Gordon insists that the return to a Hitchcock/ Herrmann collaboration that he wanted to work with a sound-track; he just didn't know which one.

"In the end, it boiled down to the sound-track for The Robe or that for Vertigo," explains Gordon. "I would let people hear one piece of music and ask them who they thought the composer was. Particularly with Vertigo, it was clear that if people didn't know who the composer was, they certainly knew that it was from a film score. It is almost like the generic film sound of that period; in the way that John Williams is for the Eighties."

From Citizen Kane to Taxi Driver, Herrmann has scored some of the most important films of the century and provided probably the most catchy flashes of sound in popular culture; think eerie and his theme from The Twilight Zone will pop into your head; think of terror and you hear the screaming violin from the Psycho shower scene.

Born in 1911 to a family of East European, New York Jews, Herrmann was voracious in every direction, consuming books, scores and debating partners with equal relish. While his tremendous literary knowledge gave him a remarkable faculty for analysis when working on a film, his physical appearance was more cartoon American gangster – large, overcoated and faintly shambolic. Early on, one of his friends noted that "if he had become an angel. [Bernie] would have had soup stains on his vest

after the first lunch". After an early stint with a group of young New York composers, following in the brilliant trail of Aaron Copland, Herrmann figured that the future of music lay with broadcasting and decided to follow it there. As a radio composer for CBS, he encountered a bumptious, if brilliant, 23-year-old actor called Orson Welles, with whom he collaborated on dramatic live presentations, culminating in the infamous War of the Worlds broadcast. Both Herrmann and Welles were thrilled with the havoc they created, and



when Welles started work on Citizen Kane, Herrmann came on board to do the sound-track.

The Kane score was revolutionary; Herrmann worked on the project from the start, and the score, like the film, fits together like a jigsaw puzzle, using short bridges is purely coincidental; he knew and motifs instead of a grand, sweeping, melodic style. Through Herrmann's use of leitmotif it is possible for the attentive viewer to identify Rosebud right from the start.

The score for Vertigo was also heavily influenced by Wagner, in this case, specifically by Triston and Isolde. It has been said that, unlike Hitchcock, Herrmann saw Vertigo predominantly as a love story and considered the casting of James Stewart a mistake, also suggesting that the film would have been better set in sultry New Orleans instead of San Francisco (as Brian De Palma did with his updated version of the story, Obsession, also scored by Herrmann).

Herrmann worked with Hitchcock on his next two, and most successful, films; Psycho and The Birds, but their relationship disintegrated as the director began to demand more upbeat pop scores, hoping to draw in a new audience. The composer's reaction was predictably violent; a note from Hitchcock at the time implored: "Please co-operate and do not bully me. Herrmann's refusal to write pop and jazz scores, combined with his irascible nature, put an end to his career until his popularity was revived by a new generation of filmmakers; Truffaut, De Palma, and finally Scorsese.

Vilified first for following a commercial path into broadcast music, and later for refusing to pen irrelevant but hummable tunes, Herrmann never lost his belief that film was a great art, constructed like a mosaic from its various elements. As he said in a 1973 lecture: "I don't know why, today, a film has to cost \$4m to push a record costing 70 cents, but it does... Cinema is only one thing: an illusion of many arts working together. The minute one aspect begins to dominate and subordinate everything else to it, the film is doomed."

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CRUEL INTENTIONS

HOW FAR our film culture has progressed can be illustrated by a comparison of these two movies. I suffered Cruel Intentions. the modern-day remake of

Dangerous Liaisons recently, and I would love to

see it back-to-back with Stephen Frears' version. It would be fun; it might also make you want to slash your wrists.

The new adaptation is shocking. It represents a cvnical attitude to filmmaking, which harbours the belief that you can take any old story and set it among young teenagers. Why? The actors are less expensive and the films can make lots

The young woman who plays Buffy the Vampire Slaver on the TV show of that name, Sarah Michelle Gellar, is the Glenn Close character, and Ryan Phillippe plays the

Malkovich character. It is an inept teen flick. Scream and I Know What You Did Last Summer are fun and well-written. And kids have always acted in horror movies. But Cruel Intentions is your worst

nightmare of a high-school production.

In film culture, it's alright to let the woman be evil incarnate. The Glenn Close character remains monstrous, while John Malkovich's character becomes far more sympathetic. Close's comeuppance is an unlikely scene; she is speaking at the funeral and a copy of her diary is circulated, revealing that she is a bitch and a

coke-head. It's amazingly

I surprise myself with how much I adore Frears' film. It has amazing restraint and stunning performances. It's also interesting to see the young actors play the parts in the remake: the girl doesn't bother at all, but the Valmont character steals Malkovich's line-readings. INTERVIEW BY

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It's soft at the top

Crying at work isn't the answer, but understanding emotion is a key skill. By Meg Carter

that emotions have no place at work After all. they are the messy, effeminate counterpoint to logic and objectivity. They can get people all worked up and then who knows where their time and energy will go? Wrong. Research shows that emotions properly managed - can drive trust, loyalty and commitment and many of the greatest productivity gains, in-novations and accomplishments. Which is why, from the middle of this month, employers will have a new way of gauging just how emotionally intelligent you really are.

In fact, there's little new about this theory. "Emotional intelligence" became a buzz phrase after the publication three years ago of Daniel Goleman's book Emotional Intelligence. But since then it's grown from strength to strength, with the result that businesses place a higher value than ever on "people skills" such as interpersonal and communications capabilities. Our "emotional quotient" – or, as Goleman calls it, "EQ" - has become the human resources expert's Holy Grail.

It is EQ, in fact, which is used to explain why some highly intelligent, highly skilled people promoted into senior positions fail miserably, while others with solid yet far from extraordinary intellectual skills soar. For without emotional intelligence, you'll never make a good leader, a number of studies claim. And in some cases EQ may even outweigh vocational and intellectual skills.

Latest evidence of this comes from Henley Management College where a study of more than 100 managers has been used to identify the core elements that make up emotional intelligence. The findings are the basis for the new psychometric test that is to be launched at this month's Human Resources Development conference in London.

Dr Malcolm Higgs, of Henley Management College, explains: "Goleman's conclusions were interesting, but I felt it wasn't terribly clear exactly what 'emotional intelligence' really means."

So, with the Henley professor Vic Dulewicz, he co-ordinated the research and has developed the new lieve their work demonstrates that it does exist, and how it works and particular course of action." can be developed. Emotional intelligence, ne concludes, is a combin-

ation of "soft" and "hard" skills. "It's more than empathy, or selfawareness," he says, "because it's also about drive, motivation and sustaining goals in the face of rejection. There's a toughness to it, too. It's the ability to balance 'hard'

By studying groups of successful managers, the Henley team identified seven core elements common to those able to progress swiftly within their particular organisation.

"First is an awareness of your emotions and feelings and the ability to recognise and acknowledge them without being swamped by them," Dr Higgs says. Then there's emotional resilience - the ability to



Good leaders need emotional intelligence - an ability that includes empathy, self awareness, drive and determination

perform consistently through a and found to be common among range of different situations. "In short, being able to take the knocks but still keep going," he says.

Third comes motivation and tivity" - awareness of other people's emotional needs; influencing and persuading skills and decisiveness. at the outset, although they now be to "walk the talk" - acting as you say and remaining committed to this

> These seven elements were then tested again with 200 managers sible workplace scenarios. In each, test, according to Fiona Penn.

Henley Management College has

identified seven core emotional

skills that provide the basis for

emotional intelligence. Do you

Awareness of your own feelings,

matched by an ability to control

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those succeeding in their chosen career path. "We found the results to be stat-

istically relevant to the progresdrive. Then "interpersonal sensi- sion of these people within their company," Dr Higgs says. Women outscored men in many

of the elements the EQ questionquestionnaire. Both admit to having Finally there is conscientiousness naire measured – such as empathy been sceptical about the value of EQ — and integrity, he adds: "The ability — and self-awareness. However, men scored higher on optimism and emotional resilience

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the participant is invited to select the response likely to be most appropriate to themselves, from "always". "sometimes" and "never".

"A typical statement would be: 'I'm able to ensure that if I make a commitment to something. I can follow it through'." Dr Higgs says.

The first version of the test involves the subjects filling in their own responses, and a second is being designed to use the responses of work colleagues. A number of The questionnaire comprises 70 large employers have already expressed an interest in using the new

when you are making decisions.

■ Influence – persuasive skills.

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used in isolation." Ms Penn adds. "They should always be regarded as just one of a number of recruitment and selection tools. For the time being, both Dr Hill and Ms Penn see the EQ test being

analysed," she says.

used not for recruitment, but for promotion among existing staff. Dr Hill, however, adds a note of caution. He is reluctant for his work to be used as the basis of ruling people out from being selected for

director of the assessment and

training consultancy ASE, which

publishes a number of different per-

common among employers - rang-

ing from psychometric tests to

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a particular role. "Testing for emotional intelligence has a more positive role in terms of identifying strengths and weaknesses and using the feedback to improve them." he stresses. "The debate about whether leaders are the result of nature or nurture is a long-standing one. But the good news is that emotional intelligence can be developed and learnt."

Getting into the Net

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YOUR CAREER PROBLEMS SOLVED BY THE EXPERTS

The problem I am 27, English, with a BA in philosophy (2-1) from Cambridge and an MA in philosopby from the University of Southern California. Since I graduated in 1997, I have worked in Los Angeles with small interactive media companies, mostly on a freelance basis. I am now back in England and seem to have reached a career choke-point. I have had a long-standing interest in IT and, through pursuing it as a hobby, have quite a lot of general knowledge and basic programming skills, enabling me to move into the Internet industry relatively easily. But while my existing technical skills may be useful to companies, they are fairly basic. My management skills are also limited, as are my client-facing skills, etc, which seems to rule me out from serious progression in consulting, which would be another option. I do, however, have entrepreneurial ideas. and the thought of starting some kind of small Internet business appeals – although I have no formal or informal practical business training or skilis and am not a natural team player. My current plan is to register for a one-year MSc in computing, starting in October '99, and until then find some kind of technical work that will enable me to learn as much as I can during the next six months. But it is frustrating to be studying at my age, and I feel uneasy about graduating aged almost 29, still looking for interesting and financially

rewarding work. JAMES MAYER, BERKSHIRE The solutions Dr Raymond Madden, director of executive development at the City University Business School saus: There is a wealth of MSc computing courses available, so choose carefully. You should aim to complement your existing skills by broadening and developing your technical knowledge. It may be worth considering a course that allows you to opt for some media-related electives. The more serious courses offer a summer project and/or a company placement, which could provide an opportunity to try out IT consultancy at first hand. The IT and media industries are continuing to develop extremely rapidly, and

so the wider the experience you

can gain the better off you will

be. Your business interests and

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offer a degree of specialisation

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employers tend to regard these largely as a tool-kit.

John Kiss, client services manager of Business Link Thames Valley, says: Establishing a business can be very rewarding, and the Internet and IT are growth areas. But there are great risks and pressures. As well as a good idea, you still need the skills and temperament to succeed. Surveys reveal a number of reasons for starting a business: independence; job satisfaction; achievement; success; and money. But you will still need discipline, energy and the ability to get on with others, and wealth is by no means guaranteed. Qualifications are equally essential, as are business skills such as marketing, strategic planning, finance, personnel management, etc. If you want the business to grow you must employ people, so the ability to show leadership and to manage staff will be critical. Advice and training can be obtained for all this from an impartial. experienced business adviser. Contact Business Link via the national signpost line on 0345 567765. Business Link will bring in the Enterprise Agency or Training and Enterprise Council as required.

Mark Jones. head of New Media, Bernard Hodes, says: I really wouldn't spend time and money taking an MSc in computing. The programming side of new media is becoming increasingly specialised and I think you would find yourself playing catch-up for the next few years. On the other hand, there is certainly a strong demand for project managers and client-facing consultants who have a good grasp of both the technical and strategic issues around new media and are able to translate this into effective solutions for clients. This sounds to me like a better use of your talents. I suggest you go on a project management course and brush up on your communication skills. Then you could look for a project management or consultant position with a new media agency: In this way you will also acquire the skills you are going to need if you decide to translate your entrepreneurial ideas into something more concrete.

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Rom and the Internet, and perhaps

transfer documentation and files

by ISDN. Computers will provide ac-

cess to vast quantities of information

impossible to house at any one

firm, Access to clients and coun-

sel will be more flexible, owing

to lap tops, improved telephone

and video conferencing systems.

and eventually, state-of-the-art

(City, for instance, offers an electronic business option) but Justice will be done in the virtual courtroom

The Internet will revolutionise the law, argues Laura Hopwood in her winning entry in The Independent/College of Law essay competition

THE CLICHE goes that the law in this country is "like the Ritz Hotel - available to anyone who can afford it". Proposals, led by Lord Woolf, are set to change all that, by modernising legal services and making the law more accessible for ordinary people. Legal advice will become available via the Interzet.

Ultimately the opportunity will be there incellents to take legal action withouseonsulting a solicitor. How will lawners compete with free advice? What will "modernised" court rooms of the next century be like?

If legal advice ultimately becomes available at low or no cost via the world wide web, this would certainly succeed in improving accessibility for the consumer.

Much "coutine" legal work (such as drafting standard documents and agreements) is to become an online product. It may not even be necessary to own a personal computer in order to have access. It is suggested that computer "kiosks" at terminals in shopping

mails could be loaded with legal software. It is hoped that "affordable, jargon free help" will be at the fingertips of "large numbers of clients". Do future lawyers need to feel threatened that this TI-based legal service will take the bread and but-

no access to the civil justice system in this country. They are too affiuent to gain assistance through legal aid, but not super-affluent enough to pursue a court case.

The new legal "products" will be aimed at this section of the population, who at present trouble their local solicitor very seldom. Internet legal services may well establish an entirely new market of clients for legal advice.

For example, if you are concerned about your neighbour's trees overshadowing your garden, you may wonder each morning whether you could do anything about them. You may not wish to pay through the nose to ask a solicitor, though, so never know. If however, the information was there on your PC at home, or in the local library, you might be more inclined to find out.

However carefully researched and marketed the legal software is on a given subject, it may well create work for lawyers in subsequent actions. (Although probably not in the case of the trees). It remains an irrefutable fact of human life that our problems have the capacity to become more complex and demanding than anyone could ever have anticipated. If a client uses an internet legal service or a software package ter from conventional law firms? The in a shopping mail in order to prepare an agreement, a problem with there is a vast "middle ground" of that agreement may result. The sitpeople who at present have little or uation will inevitably arise where the

find a solution programmed into the system he or she is using. Rather than threatening existing

legal services, it could well transpire that the Internet revolution will generate a new influx of clients. Personal relations and transactions get ever more complex with the use of new technologies. This can only generate more law. Certainly, the Woolf report suggests that legal

a higher volume at lower prices.

Legal practices will move away

from a high-cost service billed by the

hour. Self-respecting lawyers will

need to establish a way of working

through a larger number of cases

whilst striving to maintain healthy

to the full. The choice of hardware

and software products by each firm

will become an ever more important

decision More IT specialists will ap-

pear in law firms. Choosing an IT

system from the great variety of

products on the market is not going

to get any easier, as ever more

Office IT systems will be tested

client relationships.

disgruntled client can no longer products become available. At the moment, key software products for litigation and other departments are being developed. Their intercompatibility and staying power in the face of change will play a significant role in the success of firms in the future. Firms who invest in the best technology may well flourish.

Taking the IT revolution even further, the reforms propose the introduction of the "virtual court

amount of paper work consumed by

It should also make court hear-

ings more focused. (Happily for the

trainee litigators of the future, this

will mean significantly less time

spent bonding with the photocopier.)

With the judge and counsel sitting

before a monitor, evidence will be

displayed at the touch of a button.

it may well take time until the judi-

ciary fully trust that the monitors will

not let them down at an important

stage in the case. However, once

these systems are established, more

information will be at the fingertips

of the court. Technology will reduce

With the judge and counsel sitting before a monitor,

evidence will be displayed at the touch of a button

today's courts.

services in the future will be sold in room". The aim is to reduce the

the time and resources spent in preparation, as well as improving the clarity of evidence on display.

Perhaps most radically, as part of

the whole ethos of "modernisation", reform of the legal system challenges the need for the conventional trappings of the court room. It is more difficult to picture the IT revolution being accepted here in the court-room, than in the commercially driven worlds of the solicitor's

habits of centuries.

vital that all our employers realise that investing in IT only works as long as all concerned know how to use it. This is best achieved through intensive training

courses. In larger firms it is more common to have in-house IT and training departments. Some regional firms pool these kinds of

link ups with clients and the court. Adapting to the modernisation of the legal system proposed by the Woolf reforms will be a process that evolves through the system over many years.

Gradually, many people will feel more confident to research the legal implications of their civil disputes via the Internet or CD-Rom. In-house IT systems will be vital in helping lawyers to compete with the wide range of free or "packaged" legal advice. which will come on to the market. The technology should make legal practice and the court-room more efficient, and help to reduce the cost of legal action. Eventually the civil justice system of the next century will adapt to cater for people from

all kinds of financial background. Un-

like, I suspect, the Ritz Hotel.

long as we can benefit from it. Inevitably, we will come to rely more more and heavily on our computers as we communicate by e-mail. consult our rely on the training that we will be research given. It's an obvious point, but it is cases via CD-

office, or the barrister's chambers. makes little difference how And yet it does seem rather incongruous to picture the high-tech the training is Woolfian judge sitting at his or her organised as PC, ISDN lines buzzing and CD-Roms clicking, all the while sporting the traditional uniform and How far the court-room will modernise following the introduction of new technology will be an interest-

ing feature of law in the next century. Not only judges, but also all future lawyers will spend a good deal of time learning new computer systems. Hopefully we will be able to diary software.

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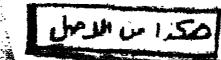
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NEW FILMS

AMERICAN HISTORY X (18) Director: Tony Kaye

Starring: Edward Norion, Edward Furlong Disowned by its director, re-edited by its star, American History X was always going to look messy; a film in bits and pieces. A liberal essay on right-wing fanaticism, this nonetheless indulges in some dubious Nazi chic as it charts the moral slide and spasmodic conversion of a blue-collar racist (Edward Norton), watched by his adoring younger hrother. The flashbacks sometimes jar, and the plot turns are clankingly handled. What binds it together is a gemuine tour de force from Oscar-nominated Norton, whose full-throttle muscularity clearly scared wavering Academy members over to the more sunny charms of Roberto Benigni.

West End: Clapham Picture House, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Haymarket, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

AN AUTUMN TALE (CONTE D'AUTOMNE) (II) **Director:** Eric Rohmer

Starring: Beatrice Romand, Alain Libolt The final part of Rohmer's Toles of the Four Seasons is at once airily elegiac and as warm as sunshine. Magali (Beatrice Romand) - middle-aged and single - gets ushered through all manner of hoops as her friends try to set her up with eligible men, nudging her first towards suave college professor (Didier Sandre), then towards a lonelyhearts respondent (the brilliant Alain Libolt) as the web of intrigue turns progressively more tangled. Don't be put off by the Mills and Boon plot-line. Rohmer's latest is a veritable masterpiece of dabbed-on colours, fluid squiggles and luminous washes. Its little gestures speak volumes; its easy soul takes the breath away.

West End: Barbican Screen, Chelsea Cinema, Curzon Soho, Renoir, Repertory: Phoenix Cinema, The Pullman Everyman

GODS AND MONSTERS (15)

See The Independent Recommends, right. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Clapham Picture House, Curzon Soho, Gate Notting Hill, Screen on the Hill, Virgin Fulham Road, Local: New Stratford Picture House

Mark Pellington's paranoia thriller sees Jeff

about his "respectable" neighbour (Tim Robbins).

Pellington is big on skewed camera angles, yet rings

West End: ABC Shaftesbury Avenue, Clapham

Picture House, Notting Hill Coronet, Odeon Swiss

Cottage, Plaza, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham

Jonathan Demme's adaptation of Toni Morrison's

Pulitzer Prize winner stars Oprah Winfrey.

West End: Ritzy Cinema. And local cinemas

And local cinemas

BELOVED (15)-

too few changes in the film's familiar territory.

Bridges' college professor becoming suspicious

MIGHTY JOE (PG) **Director: Ron Underwood**

Starring: Bill Paxton, Charlize Theron Mighty Joe is a mutant gorilla - King Kong with a smile - who hangs out in the jungles of Africa with his Tarzan-type protector (Charlize Theron). Enter zoologist Bill Paxton, who decides to spirit Joe to California, at which point Ron Underwood's

West End: Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End, UCI Whiteleys. And local cinemas

holiday jaunt diverts down standard chase-genre

avenues. Disposable Disney fluff, which boasts a

ready charm that's hard to dislike.

PAYBACK (18)

Director: Brian Helgeland Starring: Mel Gibson

This rumbling revenge thriller sends its doublecrossed-and-left-for-dead anti-hero (Mel Gibson) on a mission to retrieve the money he's owed, and get even into the bargain. The ensuing shenanigans are played out in a kind of retro-chic Seventies and underpinned by a busy jazz-funk soundtrack Ambling through the saga. Gibson rubs lots of designer grime into his clean-cut screen image. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

THE RUGRATS MOVIE (U) Director: foor Kovalvov

Voices: E.G. Daily, Christine Cavanaugh Given the small-screen success of the 'rats. a feature-length foray was always in the offing. Neatly timed to hit the Easter hols, The Rugrats Movie shifts its horizons beyond the usual suburban homes and gardens. Here, the bairns find themselves adrift in a deep, dark forest, bonding with monkeys and tangling with a slavering wolf. Kids, no doubt, will eat this up. Adults should simply grin and bear it. West End: Odeon Marble Arch, Plaza, UCI

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THE INDEPENDENT RECOMMENDS

THE FIVE BEST FILMS

Gods and Monsters (15)

A droll speculation on the last days of 1930s horror auteur James Whale (Ian McKellen) (right), who is magnetised by the form of his gardener (Brendan Fraser). Director Bill Condon won an Oscar for Best Adapted Screenplay.

Pleasantville (12)

Two Nineties teenagers are magicked into the world of a favourite Fifties sitcom and begin to exert a dramatic influence on its conformist black-and-white idyll. A witty, inventive parable.

Danish director Thomas Vinterberg's superlative black comedy centres on the 60th birthday of a family patriarch who finds himself at the heart of dark secrets that unexpectedly emerge.

Affliction (15) Paul Schrader's bleak study in fatherhood and

fatalism stars Nick Nolte as a man struggling to escape the influence of his violent dad - James Coburn, in an Oscar-winning performance.

Shakespeare in Love (15)

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THE FIVE BEST PLAYS

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timely and involving Ulster thriller. To 3 Apr Volpone (Swan Theatre, Stratford)

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The Late Middle Classes (Palace Theatre, Watford) The fruitful collaboration between Simon Gray and Harold Pinter continues with the latter's production of Gray's dark comedy (right), set in

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(0171-935 2772) ⊕ Baker Street Life is Beautiful (La Vita Bella) 3 45pm. 8 40pm Waking Ned 3pm 5pm.

SCREEN ON THE HILL (0171-435 3366) → Belsize Park Gods and Monsters 2.15pm, 4.25pm, 6.40pm, 8.55pm

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GOLDERS GREEN ABC (0181-455 4134) @ Golders Green Payback 6 10pm, 8 35pm The Rugrats Movie 2pm, 4pm

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VIRGIN (0870-907 0718) Ravenscourt Park A Bug's Life 12.40pm Mighty Joe 12.30pm, 3.10pm, 6pm Payback 3.15pm, 6.30pm. 9pm The Rugrats Movie 11.20am 1.30pm, 3.40pm, 5.50pm, 8pm Shakespeare in Love 8.40pm Waking Ned 1.30pm, 3.40pm, 6pm, 6.40pm

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AFFLICTION (15) See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: ABC Swiss Centre APRILE (12) with its realist/absurdist rhythms, it bows out with a finale that's both ridiculous and charming. West End: Metro, Renor ARLINGTON ROAD (15)

CENTRAL STATION (15) A road-movie of sorts, Central Station trails Fernanda Montenegro's retired schoolmarm and her abandoned nine-year-old charge on a hunt for the boy's missing father. West End: Curzon Mayfair, Notting Hill Coronet. Renoit, Ritzy Cinema. Repertory: Watermans Arts Centre FESTEN (THE CELEBRATION) (15) See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: Curzon Soho **HOW STELLA GOT HER GROOVE BACK(15)** Shirley Volentine with an Afro-American spin: Angela Bassett works hard to make an impression

> West End Virgin Trocadero. And local cinemas LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL (LA VITA È BELLA) (PG) In Roberto Benigni's Oscar-winning comedy, the writer-director takes centre stage as a clownish Jewish bookseller in fascist Italy Sent to a deathcamp, he strives to convince his son that it's all

among the tourist-brochure visuals.

no more than an eccentric game. West End: Empire Leicester Square, Curzon Minema, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Mezzonine, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsen, Virgin Haymarket Reperiory: Phoenix Cinema And local cinemas WAKING NED (PG)

A NIGHT AT THE ROXBURY (15)

PATCH ADAMS (12)

John Fortenberry's indulgent showcase for Soturday Night Line Swourites Will Ferrell and Chris Kattan is so bovine it moos. Here come our imbecilic heroes: cruising the mall-spaces of LA, while one ham fisted comedy sequence follows another. West End: Virgin Trocadero. And local cinemas

This medical drama is like the ultimate

West End Empire Leicester Square, Virgin

distillation of the ultimate Robin Williams movie:

the life sucked out and replaced by syrup.

Trocadero. And local cinemas PLEASANTVILLE (12) See The Independent Recommends, above. West End Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Plaza, Ritzy Cinema, Virgin Haymarket, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

SAVING PRIVATE RYAN (15)

GENERAL RELEASE

Steven Spielberg's Oscar-winning Second World War drama, starring Tom Hanks. West End: Plaza. Local: Croydon Fairfield Halls

Nanni Moretti's Aprile freewheels through three SEUL CONTRE TOUS (18) years in Italian politics. Impossible to pigeonhole, A sociopathic butcher (Phillipe Nahon) is pushed over the edge when he finds out that someone has abused his daughter Less straight cinema than a kind of whiplashing fairground ride, Seul Contre Nous is an undeniably attention-grabbing debut for the multi-talented director Gaspar Noe.

> West End: Curzon Soho, Ritzy Cinema SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE (15) See The Independent Recommends, above.

West End: Empire Leicester Square, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Morble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero. And local

Road, Vergin Trocadero, Warner Village West End cinemas

THE THIN RED LINE (15) Terrence Malick's long-awaited return to the director's chair is a fabulous, fever-struck war film. While a cast of familiar faces (John Travolta, Nick Nolte, George Clooney) vie for attention, all play

a determined second fiddle to The Thin Red Line's creeping narcotic mood. West End: Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Leicester Square, Odeon Marble Arch, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin` Fulham Road. Repertory: Watermans

Arts Centre. And local cinemas

THIS YEAR'S LOVE (18) A cast of Britain's finest (Kathy Burke, Ian Hart, Douglas Henshall et al) weave to and fro through David Kane's Camden-set essay on urban romance. West End: Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Haymarket, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on the Green, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

URBAN LEGEND (18) A bland and inconsequential bloodbath: fresh-faced

West End: Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas **VERY BAD THINGS (18)** Peter Berg's debut serves up swaggering grossout comedy in a Loaded magazine style but it has

nowhere to go save from shrill to shriller to shrillest.

West End: ABC Piccadilly, Warner Village

teens meeting their grisly end in a drama as cold

and schematic as a daytime talk show.

Good news: Ned, a salt-of-the-earth resident of Tully in rural Ireland has won the lottery. Bad news: Ned is dead. Cue a rattle-bag of comedic misadventure as two local scallywags scheme to get their paws on the loot. The film has a zesty undertow of black comedy but is too air-brushed for its own good.

West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Barbican Screen, Clapham Picture House, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Boker Street, Screen on the Green, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea Repertory: Watermans Arts Centre. And local cinemas

Torn Hanks and Meg Ryan star in a romance zapped

West End: Vergin Pulham Road, Vergin Trocadero,

Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

YOU'VE GOT MAIL (PG)

out of its rut by an internet plot book.

ABC PANTON STREET

ABC PANTON STREET (0870-902 0404) ← Picc Circ Elizabeth 2.15pm, 5.15pm. 8.10pm Enemy of the State 1.50pm, 5.05pm, 7.55pm Hilary and Jackie 2.25pm, 5.25pm, 8.20pm r. (Pi) 1.30pm, 3.35pm, 6.15pm, 8.45pm

ABC SHAFTESBURY AVENUE

ABC SWISS CENTRE

4.05pm, 6.25pm, 8.45pm ABC TOTTENHAM COURT ROAD

6.35pm. 9.10pm Waking Ned 1.25pm. 4pm. 6.45pm. 9.35pm **BARBICAN SCREEN**

(0171-498 3323) O Clapham Common American History X

CURZON MAYFAIR

(0171-369 1720) O Green Park Central Station (Central do

♣ Leicester Square An Autumn Tale (Conte d'Automne) 2.15pm.

5.45pm, 9.45pm EMPIRE LEICESTER SQUARE Square Life is Beautiful (La Vita è Belia) 12noon, 2.45pm. 5.30pm, 8.30pm Patch Adams

Gate Gods and Monsters 2pm. (0171-734 1506) & Picc Circ Aprile

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ODEON KENSINGTON

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CINEMA

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SCREEN ON THE GREEN Highbury & Islington Waking Ned 3am opm, 8 30pm Payback 1 3:1pm, 3 30pm, 7pm, 9pm 3 40pm, 6 50pm, 9pm

4.45pm, 7pm, 9pm

CINEWORLD (0181-303 1550)
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CROYDON CLOCKTOWER (0181-253 1030)

BR. West Croydon. Aarzoo 8pm Mighty Joe 5.30pm A Night at the

DAGENHAM WARNER VILLAGE (0181-592

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O Tottenham Hale American History X 1pm. 3.50pm. 6.45pm. 3.40pm Arlington Road 12.15pm. 7.15pm, 9.50pm Beloved 9pm

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CINEMA (0181-293 0101) BR: Greenwich Arlington Road 3.55pm, 6.30pm, 9pm A Bug's Life 12.30pm, 2.30pm Little Voice 2pm Madeline 12noon Mighty Joe

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SAFARI CINEMA (0181-426 0303) ⊕ Harrow-on-the-Hill Aarzoo 8.45pm International Khiladi 1.30pm, 5pm, 8.45pm Zakhm 1.30pm, 5pm

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CINEMA REPERTORY

LONDON CINE LUMIERE Queensberry Place, SW7 (0171-838 2144/2146) Toute a Ville Danse (NC) 6.30pm Pép

ICA CINEMA The Mail, SW1 (0171-930 3647) The Promise (La Promesse) (NC) 5pm, 7pm, 9pm Modulations (NC) 6.30pm, 8.45pm

NATIONAL FILM THEATRE South Bank 5E1 (0171-928 3232) Snake Eyes (15) 2.30pm, 8.30pm Tectoric Plates: Robert Lepage (NC) 6.15pm Movie Crazy (NC) 6.20pm Laura (PG) 7.30pm Jesus of Montreal (18) 8.50pm

PHOENIX CINEMA High Road, N2 0181-444 6789) A Bug's Life (U) 11.10am An Autumn Tale (Conte d'Automne) (U) 1.10pm, 6.20pm, 8.50pm Life is Beautiful (La Vita è Bella) (PG) 3.40pm

PRINCE CHARLES Leic Place, WC2 (0171-437 8181) Vertigo (PG) 1.15pm Buffalo 66 (15) 3.50pm There's Something About Mary (15) 6.30pm The Siege (15) 9.10pm

THE PULLMAN EVERYMAN Holly Bush Vale. NW3 (0171-606 2345) An RIVERSIDE STUDIOS CINEMA Crisp Road. W6 (0171-420 0100) Marius et Jeannette (15) Thur

WATERMANS ARTS CENTRE High St, Brentford, Middx (0181-568 1176) The Thin Red Line (15) 1.30pm, 5pm Central Station

(Central do Brasil) (15) 9.15pm DUKE OF YORK'S (01273-602503) My Name is Joe (15) 1.45pm Festen (The Celebration) (15)

8.45pm A Scene at the Sea (NC) 6.30pm WATERSHED (0117-925 3845)

xasters (15) 6pm Beloved (15) 7pm

ARTS CINEMA (01223-504444) Elizabeth (15) 12noon. 7.10pm American History X (18) 2.30pm. 9.30pm He Got Game (18) 4.40pm

CHAPTER ARTS CENTRE (01222-399666) Via Satellite (NC) 2.30pm. 7.30pm The Philadelphia Story (U) 6.15pm Life is Beautiful (La Vita è Bella) (PG) 8.30pm

IPSWICH FILM THEATRE (01473-215544) Hilary and Jackie (15) 2.30pm, 8.30pm Madeline (U) 2.30pm Elizabeth (15) 6pm La Vie e des Anges (The Dream Life of Angels) (18) 6pm, 8.15pm

THEATRE WEST END

Ticket availability details are for today, times and prices for the week, running times include intervals.

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 AMADEUS David Suchet stars as Salieri in Peter Shaffer's dra Old VIc The Cut. SE1 (0171-494 5372/cc 494 5372) BR/& Waterloo. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [4] 2.30pm. [7] 3pm, £7.50-£30. 180 mins.

 ANIMAL CRACKERS Stage version of the Marx Brothers clas-Syric Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [4][7] 3pm, £9.50-£30. ART Tom Mannion, Danny Webb.

Gary Olsen in Yasmina Reza's comedy about art and friendship. Wyndham's Charing Cross Road. WC2 (0171-369 1736/cc 867 1111) & Leic Sq. Tue-Sat 8pm, [4] 3pm, [7][1] 5pm, E9.50-E27.50, 90 mins. D BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Disney's lavish family musical based on the cartoon fairy-tale. Dominion Tota Ct Road, W1 (0171-656 1888) & Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, £18.50-£35, 150 mins.

● BLOOD BROTHERS Willy Russell's long-running musical. Phoenix Charing Cross Road. WC2 (0171-369 1733] → Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [5] 3pm. [7] 4pm, £11.50-£32.50. 165 mins. • BUDDY Musical biog-show. Strand Aldwych. WC2 (0171-930, 8800) & Charing X. Tue-Thur 3pm, Fri 5.30pm & 8.30pm, Sat 5pm & 9.30pm, mats [1] 4pm, £10-£30.

▶ CATS Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical New London Parker Street, WC2 (0) 71-405 0072/cc 404 4079) → Holborn. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [3][7] 3pm, £10,50-£35, 165 mins.

Detection State Adelphi Maiden Lane, WC2 (0171-344 0055) ⊕ Charing X. Mon-Sat Spm. [4][7] 3pm, £16-£36. 130 mins.

• THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (ABRIDGED) Reduced Shakespeare Co. fast-forward through 37 plays. Criterion Piccadilly Circus. W1 (0171-369 1747) Se Picc Circ. Wed-Sat 8pm. [5] 3pm, [7] 5pm, [1] 4pm, €10-£25. 120 mins.

O COPENHAGEN Michael Frayn's drama about the discovery of the atom. Duchess Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5075/cc 344 4444) Covent Garden, Mon-Sat 7.30om. [5][7] 2.30pm, £10-£30, 145 mins. • DEFENDING THE CAVEMAN

Mark Little stars in this comedy about the sexes. Apollo Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (0171-494 5070) ♥ Picc Circ. Mon-Thur 8pm, Fri-Sat 6pm & 8.45pm, £5-£25, concs available OPR DOLITTLE Phillip Schofield

and numerous puppets star in the stage adaptation. London Apollo Hammersmith Queen Caroline Street, W6 (0171-416 6022) Hammersmith. Tue-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, ends 28 Aug. £12.50-£32.50. 150 mins. • THE GIN GAME Joss Ackland

ensitive drama. Savoy Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8988) Embankment. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5][7] 3pm, ends 5 Jun, £9.50-£27.50. O GOOD Charles Dance in CP. Taylor's sensitive and humourous

drama Doomar Warehouse Farlham St. WC2 (0) 71-369 1732) ← Covent Garden, Mon-Sat 7,30pm, 151171 3pm, 7pm, ends 22 May, £14-£22. **DEPOY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE**

Day: Cambridge Earlham St. WC2 (0171-494 5080) & Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [4][7] 3pm. £10-• GROSS INDECENCY: THE

THREE TRIALS OF OSCAR WILDE Michael Pennington and William Hoyland in Moises Kaufman's star. Gielgud Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (0171-494 5065) → Picc Circ, Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, £7.50-539.50

DAN INSPECTOR CALLS Steph Daldry's production of JB Priestley's thriller. Garrick Charing Cross Rd. WC2 (0171-494 5085) ⊕ Leic Sq. 2.30pm, [7] 5pm, £12-£29.50. 110

MACBETH Rutus Sewell portrays the ambitious regicide. Queen's 7.30pm. [7] 2.30pm. ends 5 June. £10.50-£28.50. 140 mins.

MARIMA MIA! New musical incorporating Abba tunes. Prince Edward Old Compton St. WI (0171-447 5400) Leic Sq. Mon-7.30pm, [5][7] 3pm. £15-£35.

• THE MEMORY OF WATER Alison Steadman stars in this touch-ing comedy: Vaudeville Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987) BR/& Charing X. Mon-Sat 8pm, [5][7] 3pm, £8-£27.50, 120 mins.

) LES MISÈRABLES Musical dramatisation of Victor Hugo. Palace Shaftesbury Ave. W1 (0171-434 0909) & Picc Crc. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [5][7] 2.30pm. £7-£35. 195 mins.

Now Booking

8822) 22-23 Jun

D MISS SAIGON Musical which resets the Modom Butterfly tragedy to Vietnam. Theatre Royal, Drury Lane Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5060) ⊕ Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [4][7] 3pm, £8 50-£35.

SINGER AND SONGWRITER Suzanne Vega

(below), best-known for the album Solitude

Standing, and the track "Tom's Diner", will

Bloomsbury Theatre, London W1 (0171-388

perform a series of gigs this summer.

) THE MOUSETRAP Agatha Christie's whodunnit. St Martin's West Street. WCZ (0171-836 1443) ◆ Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 8pm, [3] 2.45pm, [7] 5pm, £10-£24.50.

 OKLAHOMA! Maureen Lipman stars in the National's production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's musi-cal Lyceum Wellington Street. WC2 (0870-606 3446) & Embankment. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, ends 26 June, £10-£35. 180 mins.

O THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Andrew Lloyd Webber's Gothic musical. Her Majesty's Hay-market, SW1 (0171-494 5400/cc 344 4444) ← Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [4][7] 3pm, £10-£35. 150 mins. • THE PRISONER OF SECOND

comedy. Theatre Royal, Haymarket Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800) ◆ Picc Grc. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [4][7] 3pm. £10-£32.50.

) THE BARBICAN: The Lion, The Wirch and The Wardrobe Adrian Noble directs the CS Lewis Namia classics for children. In rep, today 1.45pm & 7.15pm, ends 8 Мау.

bican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891)

Mick Mahoney in which two friends struggle to come to terms with their pasts and daunting futures. Royal Court Upstairs (at The idors) West St. WC2 (0171-565 5000) ← Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 7pm. ends Apr 24, £10, concs £5.

musical featuring songs by the Bee Gees and starring Adam Garcia. London Palladium Argyll Street. W1 (0171-494 5020) & Oxford Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm. £10-£32.50, 135 mins.

Lyric Hammersmith King Street. W6 0 (0181-741 2311) & Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [7] 2.30pm, ends 10 Apr, £5-£18.

and Dorothy Tutin star in this

BR/O Victoria. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [3][7] 3pm, £12.50-£30. 150 mins.

new drama. Royal Court Upstairs (at The Ambassadors) West Street. WC2 (0171-565 5000) ⊕ Leicester Square. Tonight 9pm. ends 3 Apr. E10. concs £5.

drama is set in Ireland and examines ideas of ghosts and angels. Royal Court Downstairs (at the Duke Of [4][7] 3.30pm, £5-£25, 90 mins.

production of Leonard Bernstein's classic musical. Prince of Wales Coventry Street, W1 (0171-839 5987) O Leic Sq/Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5][7] 3pm, £18.50-£35.

THEATRE **BEYOND THE WEST END**

ARTS THEATRE Howard Crabtree's When Pigs Fly Gay musical comedy. Tue-Fri 8pm. Sat 6pm & 8.30pm, Sun 6pm, ends 3 Apr. £20-£25 concs £15. Great Newport St

N1 (0171-226 1916) Angel

*THE INFORMATION ON Rogier van der Weyden

Rather controversially, the National

Gallery bails van de Weyden (1399-

the 15th century", which reflects his

impact on Italian painting. While this

critics and Florentine humanists, who

such culogising has not been the

What They Say About It

and a daring, yet subtle, painter

unanimous response today.

supports the views of his contemporary

revered him as a "glory among painters"

"He was an incomparable draughtsman

Richard Ingleby. The Information. A

shoddy little enterprise... it must not be

taken seriously" Brian Sewell. Evening

Standard. 'Amazing quality of photo

Independent. "A little piece of genius"

reproduction" Tom Lubbock, The

c1464) as the "most influential artist of

Who Was He?

What is it?

LYRIC STUDIO 400 Jokes with the

Devil Tragi-comedy about a failed attempt to make a film. Mon-Sat

8pm. mats Sat 4pm. ends 17 Apr. £9. concs £5. King Street, W6 (0181-741 2311) & Hammersmith.

RIVERSIDE STUDIOS Blood Knot

THEATRE

COUNTRYWIDE

QUEEN'S THEATRE Bing-Bong

Keith Waterhouse's comedy stars

Dennis Waterman, Mon. Tue. Thur-Sat. 7.45pm, mat Sat 2.30pm.

ends 3 Apr. £11-£14.50. Boutport Street (01271-324242)

THEATRE ROYAL The Dispute

Mariyaux's drama directed by Nei Bartiett. Tue-Sat 8pm, mat Thur 4pm, ends 3 Apr. £7.50-£14.50.

HIPPODROME THEATRE Phan-

tom of the Opera Tour of Andrew

Lloyd Webber's huge hit musical

Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed & Sat 2.30pm, ends 22 May. £10-£30, concs available, St Augustines Parade (0117-929 9444)

THEATRE ROYAL The Price

Compelling drama about two

estranged brothers, each of whom carries a burning truth. Mon-Wed 7.30pm, Thur-Sat 8pm, mats Thur & Sat 2.30pm, ends 10 Apr. £3-£19.

concs available. King Street (0117-987 7877)

NEW THEATRE Smokey Joe's Cafe

Rock'n roll musical revue, Mon-Thu

7.30pm, Fri 5.45pm & 8.45pm, Sat

3pm & 7.30pm, ends 3 Apr. £9-£21. Park Place (01222-878889)

WOLSEY THEATRE The Glass

Menagerie Tennessee Williams' portrait of a faded Southern belle

Tue-Fri 7,45nm, Sat 8nm, mats Wed

& Sat 2.30pm, ends 3 Apr. E5-E14 Civic Drive (01473-253725)

THE DERNGATE Boogie Nights Musical with Share Richie. Mon-Thur

8pm, Fri & Sat 6pm & 9pm, ends 3 Apr, £9.50-£18.50, Guildhall Road

KEY THEATRE Loor Michael

Elphick and Letitia Dean star in

Orton's drama, Mon-Thur 7,30om

Fri & Sat 8pm, mats Thur 2.30pm,

Sat 5pm, ends 3 Apr. E9-E11.50. Embankment Rd (01733-552439)

POOLE ARTS CENTRE Hushaby

Mountain Jonathan Harvey's nei

olay with the twin setting of Heave

and Earth. Tue-Sat 7.45pm, mat Sat 2 30pm, ends 3 Apr. £7.50-£11.50

OYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Michael Boyd directs the seasons

classic. In rep. today 1.30pm & 7.30pm. ends 9 Oct. £5-£39.

exuberant satire. In rep. today 1.30pm & 7.30pm, ends 9 Oct. £5-£36, Waterside (01789-295623)

ALACE THEATRE The Late

Middle Classes Harold Pinter directs Simon Gray's study of family conflict.

Mon-Thur 7.45pm, Fri & Sat 8pm, ends 10 Apr. £4-£15.75. Clarendon

NEW VICTORIA THEATRE Grease

Luke Goss stars, Mon-Sat 8pm

Road (01923-225671)

WOKING

Kingland Road (01202-685222)

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

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NORTHAMPTON

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Bond Street (01273-328488)

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BARNSTAPLE

BRIGHTON

CARDIFF

For its latest exhibition, the National Gallery has supplemented its collection of work by the Dutch master Rogier van der Weyden with paintings from LA's Getty Museum and the Gulbenkian Foundation in Lisbon. The highlight is The Mugdalen Reading (below). In some

cases, photo reproductions replace missing works in an attempt to widen the display, which also includes Pieta (right).

York Shaftesbury Shaftesbury Avenue. WC2 (07000-211221) O Holborn/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 3pm, £12.50-ROYAL NATIONAL THEATRE

150 mins. Lyttelton: 8-£27. • LYTTELTON: Betrayal Pinter's defining work depicts a menage a trois and stars Imogen Stubbs and Douglas Hodge. In rep. tonight 7.30pm, ends 7 Apr. 90 mins.Cottes-

inspired by a wanted poster written by Koltes, in rep. tonight 7 15pm, ends 1 May. Barbican Theatre: £5-£26. The Pit: £11-£18.50. Bar-

ISACRED HEART New drama from

SHOCKHEADED PETER Junk opera, featuring the Tiger Lillies.

SLAVA'S SNOWSHOW Slava

● STARLIGHT EXPRESS Andrew Lloyd Webber's ever-popular hi-tech roller-musical. Apolio Victoria Wilton Road. SW1 (0171-416 6070)

) TRUST Gary Mitchell's explosive

■ THE WEIR Conor McPherson's

• WEST SIDE STORY Brand new

ONWHISTLE DOWN THE WIND Andre Lloyd Webber's latest musical Aldwych Aldwych. WC2 (0171-416 5000/cc 836 2428) ⊕ Holborn. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [5][7] 3pm.

THE WOMAN IN BLACK Sus Hill's chilling ghost story. Fortune Rus-sell Street, WC2 (0171-836 2238/cc 344 4444) ⊕ Covent Garden/Holborn.

HAMPSTEAD THEATRE A Small Drop of Ink: Snake New Work set around Finchley Road. Tonight 7pm & 9pm. £9-£12 available. Avenue Road. NW3 (0171-722 9301)

Orange stars. Iue-Sun 8pm, mats Sat & Sun 3.30pm, ends 18 Apr £12-£14, concs £9 Upper Street,

EXHIBITIONS

ABERYSTWYTH NATIONAL LIBRARY OF WALES Kyffin Williams Oils, portraits, watercolours and drawings, Mon-Sat 10am-Spm, closed 2-6 Apr, ends 24 Apr, free, (01970-623800)

Athol Figard's lucid drama. Tue-Sun 7.45pm, ends 25 Apr. £10, concs £6. Crisp Road, WG (0181-237 1111) BATH TRICYCLE THEATRE Up Against The Wall New black musical, Mon-Fri 8pm. Sat 8.15pm, mats Sat 4.15pm, ends 17 Apr. £8-£13.50, Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 THE ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY For Most of It I Have No Words: Simon Norfolk Photographs from sites of 20th century genocide. Mon-Sun 9.30am-5 30pm. ends 6 Jun. £2.50, concs £1.75. Milsom Street (01225-462841)

> BRISTOL ARNOLFINI Accelerator Work by an international group of contemporary artists, including Hilary Lloyd Ako Sasao and Suzy Spence. Mon-Sa 10am-7pm. Sun 12noon-6pm. ends 5 Apr. free. Narrow Quay (0117-929 9191)

CAMBRIDGE KETTLE'S YARD Bob Law Influential artist's drawings, paintings and sculpture. Tue-Sat 12.30pm-5.30pm. Sun 2nm-5 30pm, ends 25 Apr, free Castle Street (01223-352124)

HAYWARD GALLERY Patrick Caulfield More than 50 colourful paintings by the leading British artist. Mon. Thur-Sun 10am-6pm. Tue & Wed 10am-8pm, ends 11 Apr. E6, concs E4, family E12, Belvedere Road SE1 (0171-960 4242)

NATIONAL GALLERY Portraits by Ingres Major exhibition of paintings and drawings by the 19th century French artist. Mon. Tue. Thur-Sun 10am-6pm. Wed 10am-10pm. ends 25 Apr. £6. concs £4. Wed £4 7pm-10pm.
Rogier van der Weyden in the National Gallery Paintings by the 15th-century Dutch artist. Mon. Tue.

Thur-Sun 10am-6pm. Wed 10am-9pm, ends 4 Jul. free Trafalgar Square WC2 (0171-747 2885) O Charing Cross/Leicester Square. national Portrait Gallery Millais: Portraits Retrospective of paintings by the Pre-Raphaelite artist. Mon-Sat 10am-6pm. Sun 12noon-6pm, ends 6 Jun. £4, concs

0055) Charing Cross ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS Monet in the 20th Century Eighty paintings, Mon-Thur, Sun 9am-6pm. Fri & Sat 9am-10pm. ends 18 Apr. £9, concs £6. child [12-18] £3. child (8-11) £1.50. Burlington House, Piccadilly W1 (0171-300 8000/413

TATE GALLERY Jackson Pollock Major painting retrospective. Mon-Sun 10am-5.50pm, ends 6 Jun. E7.50. concs E5. family E19 (First-call 0870-842 2233 + E1.60 bkg fee). Milibank SW1 (0171-887

VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM The Arts of the Sikh Kingdoms Exhibition exploring 300 years of Sikh heritage. Mon-Sun 10amm, wnds 25 Jul. €5, concs £3, UB40/disabled/mems/after 4.30pm free. Cromwell Road SW7 (0171-938 8441) South Kensington.

CONTACT GALLERY The Last Picture Show Closing exhibition of work by gallery members. Tue-Sat St Benedict's Street (01603-760219)

SOUTHAMPTON JOHN HANSARD GALLERY Postcards on Photography Paintings and sculpture examining photography. Tue-Fri 11am-5pm, Sat 11am-4pm, ends 11 Apr, free. The University (01703-592158)

EVENTS

CHELTENHAM SPOKES, SPANNERS AND SPARK-PLUGS Vintage motorbikes. Cotswold Countryside Collection Fosseway (01451-860715) Mon-Sa 10am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm, ends 25 Apr. £2.50, concs 80p-£2.

Photographs of football grounds. Dover Museum Market Square (01304-201066) Mon-Sun 10am GREAT EASTER EGG HUNT Raise money for charity on a treasure hunt. Galleria Outlet Centre (01707-278301). Today 10.30am-12.30pm, £1.

THE HOMES OF FOOTBALL

SOOTY'S MAGIC FACTORY Join Sooty and friends. Kenneth More The-atre Oakfield Road, Ilford. x (0181-553 4466) + Gants Hill

ZIPPO'S CIRCUS Clowns, aemobal ics and horses. Shooters Hill SE3 (07050-121416) BR: Blackheath. lonight 7.30pm, ends 13 Apr. All seats £2.99 today only. PORTSMOUTH

PLAY UP POMPEY Memorabilia celebrating Portsmouth FC. City Museum & Art Gallery Museum Rd (01705-827261) Today 10am-

CLASSICAL

BRISTÓL ST GEORGE'S BRANDON HILL Orchestra of the Age of Enlight-enment/Leonhardt JS Bach's St John Passion. Tonight 7.30pm. £6-£18. Brandon Hill (0117-923 0359)

CANTERBURY MARLOWE THEATRE Orchestre MARLOWE THEATRE OFCRESTE National de Lille/Spering Mozart's Great Mass in C minor. Tonight 7:30pm £8-£13. The Friars (01227-787787) I ONDON

> Apollo Chamber Orchestra/Chernaik Bach's St Matthew Passion. Tonight 7.30pm, £7.50-£20, Smith Square, SW1 (0171-222 1061) Westminster.

ST JOHN'S, SMITH SQUARE

PURCELL ROOM Gary Arbuthnot Music by the young flautist and friends, Tonight 7.30pm. E8 & £10. concs £6. South Bank. 5E1 (0171-960 4242) BR/ Waterloo. QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL English Concert/Pinnock Handel's Apollo e Dofne and Vivaldi's Four Seasons

Tonight 7.45pm. E9-£20. South Bank Centre. SE1 (0171-960 4242) BR/O Waterloo. ROYAL ALBERT HALL Royal Philharmonic/Gatti Mahler's Kinderlotenlieder and 5th Symphony. Tonight 7,30pm, £5-£32, Ken Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212) @ High

PORTSMOUTH THE GUILDHALL Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra/Berglund Music by Tippett's and Dvorak Tonight 7.30pm. £5.50-£19, Guild-hall Square (01705-824355)

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Street Kensington.

Strauss, Tonight 8pm, ends 20 Apr. E5-E55. St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-632 8300) @ Leicester Square. Gretel Humperdinck's opera after Grimm in a WNO production, Tonight 7.30pm £7 50-£60. Rosebery Ave.

EC1 (0171-863 8000) Angel. WILTON'S MUSIC HALL The Silve Lake Staging of Kurt Weill by Broomhill Opera. Tonight 7pm, ends 18 Apr. £15-£20. Grace's Alley, E1 (0171-420 0000) + Tower Hill

DANCE

CHICHESTER CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE create an unusual rhythmic symphony. Tonight 7.30pm, ends 3 Apr. £10-£22.50, concs available.

BEAU SEIOUR THEATRE Spirit of the Dance Spectacular celebration of international dance. Tonight 8pm. £12.50-£16. (01481-728591)

PLACE THEATRE Aletta Collins Electric double bill. Tonight Spm. ends 3 Apr. £10, concs £7. Duke's Rd. WC1 (0171-387 0031) + Euston. RICHMOND THEATRE English National Ballet: Tour de Force Extracts from five ballets. Tonight 7 45pm, ends 3 Apr, £10-£18. The Green, Richmond, Surrey (0181-940 0088) O Richmond

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA CLIFFS PAVILION St Petersburg Ballet Theatre: Swan Lake Konstantin Talchkin's new company performs Tchailovsky's timele Tonight 7.45pm, ends 3 Apr. £8.50-£27. Station Road (01702-351135)

CLUBS

THE RATPACK LOUNGE AT THE OCEAN ROOMS Oh-so-ironic night of kitsch music. Tonight 10pm-2am, £1. Morley Street (01273-699069)

BRIGHTON

PHILLI NITES AT THE THEKLA With very special guest DJ Mushroom joining DJ Milo. Tonight 9pm-3am, £8. £7 before 11pm. The East Mud Dock. The Grove (0117-929 3301)

MASHED AT THE ANNEXE Featuring Headrillaz Soundsystem. Fonight 9pm-3am, £6. NUS/before 11pm £4. Dean Street, W1 (0171-287 9608) & Tottenham Court Rd.

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CAFE DE PARIS Eighties electro and dance-pop with Dave Ball, Mark Moore and Jon Pleased Wimmin. Tonight 10pm-3am. £10, Coventry St. W1 (0171-734 7700) ♦ Picc Circ. READING

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HARRY HILL AT HEN & CHICKENS The Channel Four superstar presents work-in-progress. Tonight 8.30pm. E5. St Paul's Road, N1 (0171-704 2001) O Highbury & Islington. THE BEST IN STAND-UP AT THE

COMEDY STORE Kevin McCarthy, Terry Alderton, Vic Henley and John

Gordillo, plus open spots and MC Tim Clark, Tonight 8pm. £12, concs £7. Oxendon Street, SW1 (0171-344 0234) & Piccadilly Circus. MILTON KEYNES CRAIG CHARLES AT THE STABLES
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BRISTOL PLAINSONG Outstanding folk rock group. QEH Theatre Jacob's Wells Road (0117-925 0551) Tonight 8pm, phone for prices.

KING'S LYNN SUZI QUATRO, ALVIN STARDUST, THE RUBETTES Seventies nostalgia. Com Exchange Market Place (01553-764864) Tonight 8pm. £16.50.

LONDON HOWARD MARKS The ubiquitous Mr Nice reminisces. The Borderline Manette Street W1 (0171-734 2095) ◆ Tott Ct Rd. Tonight 8pm. £10.

DRUGSTORE, THE PARADISE MOTEL, LAPLAND One of only a handful of British dates by Isobel Montero. The Garage Highbury Corner N5 (0171-607 1818) O/BR: Highbury & Islington. Tonight ECHO AND THE BUNNYMEN, POLLY JEAN HARVEY & JOHN

PARISH Ian McCulloch's indie pio-neers play John Peel's Live show The Improv Tott Ct Rd W1 (0171-387 4) O Warren St. Tonight 8pm. PAUL JONES AND DAVE KELLY Respecied British blues veterans, Millfield Theatre Silver Street N18 (0181-807 6680) BR: Silver Street.

Tonight 8pm, £10.

BIS, TEN BENSON Teen-C fizz-kids presenting work from the new album, Social Dancing, ULU Malet Street WC1 (0171-664 2030) Goodge St. Tonight 8pm. £7.50. THE WHISKY PRIESTS Rollicking good-time (olk rock band. The Weavers Arms Newington Green Road N1 [0171-226 5911)

MEAT LOAF Performing tracks from the Greatest Hits album. Wembley Arena Empire Way. Wembley Middx (0181-902 0902)

MUSIC JAZZ, WORLD, FOLK

JOHNNY PATRICK TRIO Midlands based jazz pianist. Cafe Jazz St Mary Street (01222-232161). Tonight 9pm. E4. concs E3.

GARY HUSBAND TRIO Model jazz pianist. The Bull High St.Barnet, Herts (0181-449 0048) & High Barnet. Tonight 8pm. £7, concs £5. NELSON RANGELL Heavyweight

Mission sax. Pizza Express Jazz Club Dean Street W1 (0171-439 8722) Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat 9pm. ends 4 Apr. £12.50-£15. STEVE SWALLOW Legendary post-bop bass guitarist. Ronnle Scott's Frith Street WI (0171-439 0747/cc 0171-439 0747) @ Leicester Square Mon-Sat 9pm & 11.30pm, ends 3 Apr. £15, mems £4.

Westcliff-on-sea CAROLINE TAYLOR GROUP DAVING US hard bop drummer. Cliffs Pavilion Station Road (01702-351135) Tonight 9pm, £3, concs £2.

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ABC (0541-555131) BR: Sideur Arlington Road 8.15pm A Bug's Life 12.30pm Payback 2.45pm, 5.45pm, 8.30pm The Rugrats Movie 1.30pm, 3.45pm, 6pm

CINEMA CITY (01603-622047) Shakespeare in Love (1S) 2 30pm

AVENUE Richard Dreyfuss and Marsha Mason star in Neil Simon's ● RENT Musical inspired by La Bo-hème and set in modern day New

 COTTESLOE: Guiding Star
 Jonathan Harvey's new play gives a
 tender account of the life of Hillsborough disaster survivor. In rep. today 2.30pm & 7.30pm, ends 5 Apr.

loe: £12-£18. Lyttelton: £8-£27. Day seats from 10am, South Bank, SÉ1 (0171-452 3000) BR/& Waterloo. ROVAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

● THE PIT: Roberto Zucco Drama

OSATURDAY NIGHT FEVER Hit

Polounine returns to London. Piccadilly Denman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734) ♥ Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [5][7] 2.30pm. £10-£27.50.

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STEERING HIS sensitive character through

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6.30 Zoe Ball. 9.00 Kevin Greening. 12.00 Jo Whiley. 2.00 Mark Radcliffe. 4.00 Chris Moyles. 5.45 Newsbeat. 6.00 Dave Pearce. 8.00 Live in London: Lamaco and Peel 12.00 Andy Kershaw, 2.00 Cive Warren. 4.00 - 6.30 Scott Mils. RADIO 2 (88-902MHz FM)

6.00 Sarah Kennedy. 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan. 9.30 Ken Bruce. 12.00 Jimmy Young. 2.00 Ed Stewart. 5.05 Johnnie Walker. 7.00 David Allan. 8.00 Paul Jones. 9.00 Take It Easy - California Cool. 9.30 At the Beeb: Kenneth Williams. See Pick of the Day. 10.00 The Alan. Price Set. 10.30 Richard Alinson. 12.00 Katrina Leskanich 3.00 -4.00 Alex Lester.

RADIO 3 (902-924MHz FM) 6.00 On Air 9.00 Masterworks 10.30 Artist of the Week. 11.00 Sound Stories. 12.00 Composer of Week: Reger. 1.99 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. Paul Allen introduces a recital gives last week in the Bridgewater Hall Tasmin Little (violin), Martin

Ploscoe (plano). Delius: Violin Sonata No 1. Beethoven: Violin Sonata in G. Op 30 No 3. Saint-Saens: Introduction and Rondo capriccioso, Op 28 2.00 The BBC Orchestras. 4.00 Ensemble. 4.45 Music Machine.

5.00 in Tune. 7.30 Performance on 3. In this oratorio of three acts, composed for the University of Oxford, Handel portrays the struggle of the Israelites against their cruel and sacrilegious Queen Athalia, who has abandoned lehoven and worships the pagan god Baal Lynne Dawson, soprano (Athalia), Nancy Argenta, soprano (Josabeth), Christopher Robson. countertenor (Joad), Choir of Clare College, Cambridge, St James's Baroque Players/Ivor Bolton. 9.40 Postscript. Twenty-five years affer W H Auden's death, poets and critics reassess his poetry and make a personal selection of readings

10-00 Music Restored Lucie Skeaping introduces a selection of works sed off by virtuoso violinist Fritz Kreisler as those of obscure 18th-

PICK OF THE DAY

5.00 PM

5.57 Weather

7.15 Front Row.

6-00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 That Reminds Me.

7.00 NEWS; The Archers.

7.45 High Days, Hoty Days. A selec-

tion of readings for Easter. 4: "Maundy Thursday". The day of the big

porridge, Maundy money and Easter

during the war, as related by Anne

Frank, Oscar Wilde, Evelyn Waugh

and George Bernard Shaw among

others. Read by Charlotte Cornwell,

Denys Hawthorne, Kathryn Hunt,

Leo McKern and Leslie Phillips.

8-00 NEWS; What If?. Four pro-

pher Andrew rewrites history by

imagining how past events could

have been different. 4: President

Clinton has warned that germ war-

fare now poses one of the greatest

threats to the security of the USA.

Guests, including former defence

secretary Michael Portillo, examine

consequences of their use. See Pick

8.30 The Week in Westminster. Pe-

ter Riddell of 'The Times' takes a

9.00 NEWS; Leading Edge. From

understanding the cosmos to the lat-

est thinking on the origin of life, Ge-

off Watts reports on the latest from

9.30 Melvyn Bragg - in Our Time.

Melvyn Bragg and guest discuss ideas and events which have influ-

10.00 NEWS; The World Tonight.

the cutting edge of science.

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weapons and contemplate the

grammes in which Professor Christo-

APART FROM the inevitable 1 Clinton has acknowledged April current-affairs teasers, there's some grim listening today. occuring somewhere in the US Crossing Continents (11am R4) examines the rising levels of assurances that such matters youth violence in France, where are taken seriously here, it makes teacher morale is allegedly at for alarming listening. an all-time low.

What If? (8pm R4) considers the possibility of terrorist attacks against civilians using biological agents at a time when President

century composers when they were.

in fact, his own. The trio Convivium

also perform some of the cenuine

nani, Tartini and Francoeur.

articles by composers including Pug-

10.45 Night Waves. Since first visit-

ing India in the 60s, photographer

Don McCullin has built up a unique

Jatinder Vermer talks to him about

cusses this view with novelist Vikram

Seth whose novel, 'A Suitable Boy',

evoked the complex panorama of in-

12.00 Composer of the Week:

1.00 - 6.00 Through the Night.

9.00 Melvyn Bragg - in Our Time.

11.90 NEWS; Crossing Continents.

2.15 Afternoon Play: Pity about Kit-

3.00 NEWS; Call You and Yours:

3.30 Rigby's Red Herrings. (R)

9.30 Automatic for the People.

10.00 NEWS; Woman's Hour.

12.00 NEWS; You and Yours.

dian life.

11.30 Jazz Notes.

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9.45 Serial: Pilate.

See Pick of the Day.

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11.30 My Uncle Freddie

1.00 The World at One.

2.00 NEWS; The Archers.

1,30 Open Country.

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4.00 NEWS; Nice Work.

4.30 The Material World

Schubert (R)

RADIO 4

6.00 Today.

portrait of the vast subcontinent.

his fascination with India and dis-

the likelihood of an incident within the next 10 years. Despite

Thankfully, archive material of Kenneth Williams (right) At the Beeb (9.30pm R2) is on hand to assuage anxiety.

DOMINIC CAVENDISH



10.45 Book at Bedtime: My Mother's House. Janet Suzman reads Colette's memoir (4/5). Colette recalls her family's pet dog. Toutouque, and her mother's views on religion. (R) 11.00 NEWS; Do Go On, A comedy series that uses the format of a live discussion programme to take an original look at media absurdity. With Ainslev Elliot and his quests, 1:

'Health'. With Griff Rhys Jones, Graeme Garden and Melanie Hudson. #L30 Experimental Feature: Your Place or Mine?. (R) 12.00 News.

12.30 Late Book: Age of Austerity. 12.48 Shipping Forecast. 1.00 As World Service. 5.30 World News.

5.35 Shipping Forecast. 5.40 Inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day. 5.47 • 6.00 Farming Today. **RADIO 4 LW**

(198kHz) 9.45 - 10.00 Daily Service. 12.00 12.04 News; Shipping. 5.54 -5.57 Shipping. RADIO 5 LIVE

(693, 909kHz MW) 6.00 Breakfast 9.00 Brian Haves 12.00 The Midday News. 1.00 Ian Payne. 4.00 Drive. 7.00 News Extra.

7.30 On the Line. The last programme in the series investigates attempts to make the sport of jet skiing safer. It reveals alarming loopholes in laws designed to regulate the activity, and people who have

suffered serious injury as well as those fighting for jet-ski freedom have their say. 8.00 Inside Edge. 9.00 Hoops. Fat Freddie M rounds

up the latest news from the British

basketball scene. 9.30 Sportshop. Trixie Rawlinson presents the sports consumer programme, including sporting investigations and news of all the latest sporting gadgets.

10.00 Late Night Live. 1.00 Up All Night. 5.00 - 6.00 Morning Reports. CLASSIC FM

(100.0-101.9MHz FM) 6.00 Nick Bailey. 8.00 Henry Kelly. 12.00 Requests, 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 Jamie Crick, 6.30 Newsnight. 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. 9.00 Evening Concert. Strauss: Till Eulenspiegel. Berlin PO/Claudio Abhado. Mozart: A Musical Joke. Concentus Musicus Vienna/Nikolaus Harnoncourt, Leopold Mozart: Toy Symphony. Academy of St Martin in the Fields/Neville Marriner. Kabalevsky: The Comedians, Philharmonia/Charles Groves. Verdi: Suite The Lady and the Fool. LPO/Charles Mackerras. 11,00 Alan Mann. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 - 6.00 Mark Griffiths.

VIRGIN RADIO (1215, 1197-1260kHz MW 105,8MHz FM) 6.30 Russ Williams. 9.30 Mark Forrest. 1.00 Nick Abbot. 4.00 Harriet Scott. 6.45 London Calling with Harriet Scott/AM Pete and Geoff. 7.30 Pete and Geoff. 10.00 Gary

Davies. 100 Richard Allen. 4.30

6.30 Phil Kennedy. **World Service Radio** 1.00 The World Today. 1.30 The Works. 1.55 My Century. 2.00 The World Today. 2.30 Westway. 2.45 Performance. 3.00 The World Today. 3.30 World Business Report. 3.45 Insight 4.00 The World Today. 4.20 Sports Roundup. 4.30 -

7.00 The World Today (4.30-7.00). TALK RADIO 6.00 Big Boys Breakfast with David Banks & Nick Ferrari. 9.00 Scott Chisholm and Sally James. 12.00 Justice with Jacobs. 1.00 Anna Raeburn. 4.00 The SportZone. 7.00 One to One with Andy Gray. 8.00 Jackie Mason. 10.00 James Whale.

1.00 - 6.00 Gordon Astley.

INDEPENDENT PURSUITS

<u>Chess</u> JON SPEELMAN

OVER SEVEN-AND-A-HALF weeks, from late November 1977 to early January 1978, two sons of Leningrad, Boris Spassky and Viktor Korchnoi, fought one of the most monumental and acrimonious matches of all time in the then peaceful city of Belgrade.

A campaign which had begun with fire on the chess board but easy accord elsewhere degenerated into all-out war after Korchnoi strode to a five-nil lead in the first 10 games: but Spassky, who donned reflecting glasses and started to appear at the board only to play his moves, won the next four. Several protests and walk-outs later, Korchnoi took the 17th and 18th games and the match; and booked his place for a still more traumatic showdown with one Anatoly Yevgenevich Karpov in Baguio City...

More than two decades later, the two old chargers, Spassky who nowadays lives in France and Korchnoi in Switzerland, are in mercifully friendly combat again in their old home city under its new old name of St Petersburg.

The match, consisting of 10 rapidplay games with one hour each on the clock started on 27 March with a rest day on 30 March and the final two games being played today. Despite being the elder - he was 68 on 23 March while Spassky was 62 on 30 January - it is Korchnoi, rated 18th in the world at 2,673, who is much the more active of the two. And after an even exchange of blows in the first four 1 games, all of which were decisive, 11 he took the lead on day three, 12 almost winning the fifth game as 13 Black, then pulling out the stops in 14

3 f3!? is one of the ways of avoiding the Grunfeld - 3 Nc3 d5. Vladimir Kramnik used it in the last game of his match with Alexei Shirov in Cazorla last June and although he lost brilliantly the opening was far from clear: Kramnik, though, played 8 Qd2 rather than the old mainline 8 f4 as here.

this splendidly barbaric contest.

- 8 ...c6 was submissive - 8 ...Nc6 9 d5 Na5 10 Bd4 e5! is critical, with great complications. Korchnoi got a big centre and with the very aggressive 12 g4!? safeguarded it from ...f5. With 15 ...c5! Spassky adopted the classic recipe of meeting a flank attack with central action. But 19 ...Rd8 looks too passive: Black should fight for counterplay with 19 ... Ne4 20 Nxd5

The immediate 21 f5 may be even stronger but the attack proved decisive anyway. At the end if eg: 28 ... Kf8 29 Rxg7! Qe6 30 Rh8+ Ke7 31 Qg5+ etc; or 28 ...Qe6 29 Qh7+ Kf8 30 Qxg7+ Ke7 31 Qg5+ Kd7 32 Nxd4.

White: Viktor Korchnoi Black: Boris Spassky

"Anti-Grunfeld"	
1 d4 N66	15 e5 Rfc8
2 c4 g6	16 hxg6 hxg
3 £3 d5	17 dxc5 Nxc
4 cxd5 Nxd5	18 Bd4 Bd5
5 e4 Nb6	19 Rd1 Rd8
6 Nc3 Bg7	20 Nxd5 Rx
7 Be3 0-0	21 KE Rc8
8 f4 c6	22 Qb1 Rcd
9 Nf3 Be6	23 b3 Na6
0 Qc2 N8d7	24 Qe4 Nb4
1 Be2 Bc4	25 f5 exf5
2 g4!? e6	26 ලාග්ට ලාග්ට
3 h4 Qe7	27 Qxf5 Rxd
4 h5 c5!	28 Rdg1! 1-6

DAVID SPANIER

THIS IS the season for travelling to Las Vegas. The World Series of Poker satellites begin on 27 April. and the World Championship itself runs from 10 to 13 May. How successful it will be this year, with Binion's Horseshoe under new management, we shall see.

People often ask me where to stay and where to go in Vegas. Here is my happy survivor's guide:

1. Where to stay: Bellagio is the ottest property on the Strip marble to die for and water displays everywhere. \$99 a night and upwards for a double room. The Mirage, with white tigers and dolphins. is more amusing but crowded. Caesars Palace is the mock-classical extravaganza with gold-plated bath taps and mirrored ceilings. If you want a cheap and reliable hotelcasino, the Stardust or Flamingo would be fine: downtown is the excellent Golden Nugget

2. Where to eat: The revolving restaurant at the Stratosphere Tower is brilliant, especially at night. Picasso in Bellagio, with artists' work close enough to breathe garlic at, is haute cuisine with prices to match. The Italian restaurant at the Mirage, if you can get a reservation, is tops. Try the buffet at Caesars for quality and value.

3. What to play: Don't go for roulette with its iniquitous doublezero (house advantage 5.3 per cent). Best value are poker slots, best fun the million-dollar slots. Blackjack is a slower way of losing your money. May I respectfully advise that whatever your gambling limit is, say \$1,000 for the trip, it is prudent to divide it into half a dozen tranches. Play \$100 in a morning or pre-dinner session, and another \$200 after dinner. Stop at the prescribed loss limit!

4. Sightseeing: If you can't mane the Grand Canyon, try Death Valley (about 2-3 hours by car or bus), a fine example of the early settlers' struggle to survive. Caesar's trompe l'oeil Shopping Forum is also a must. Other casinos: New York has the wittiest architectural exterior of any building in America: also the Pyramid. Downtown, take a stroll to see glitter gulch, including the Fremont Experience sound and light show.

5. Shows. The Cirque du Soleil at Bellagio is wonderful, a kind of circus-ballet in water. Siegfried and Roy at the Mirage offer magic and illusion in high camp. Look at what's on in town in case some ageing Hollywood vamp you have always wanted to see is performing - book through your hotel desk. Personally I prefer the Comedy Store, stand-up comics for the price of two drinks.

6. Tip everyone in sight - a dollar will do.

SATELLITE AND CABLE

6.00 Northern Lights (1997) (76604). 8.00 Nico the Unicom (1996) (36738), 10.00 Warriors of Virtue (1997) (55790), 12.00 Lit-Northern Lights (1997) (89772). 4.60 Nico the Unicom (1996) (1896) 8.00 Wenfors of Virtue (1997) (57456) 8.00 Holywood Bizz (1081) 8.36 The Garden of Redemp-tion (1997) (86339371) 10.10 Fled (1996) (506888) 71.50 Sleeping with the Enemy (1991) (523826) See Pick of the Day. 1.30 Surviving Picasso (1996) (51908937) 3.35 - 6.00 Desperate Trail (1994) (19916711).

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64847314 (198 Sing Look Down (1939) (7650285). 1986 Get Re Left Behind (1956) (8603866). 1980 The Left Handed Gun (1958) 3653360; 10.00 The Long Hot Summer (956) (763401). **12.00** Next Stop, Greenwich Village (1976) (9401956). **1.50** The Directors (1453376). See *Pick of the Day*. 2.50 An Arrianolis Story (1955) (97866840), 4.20 The Girl in Room 17 (1953) (81816111). 5.45 Close.

FILMFOUR 5.00 The Breaktims (5900420), 6.15 The White Balloon (1995) (4953710) 7.40 A Hedgehog in the Fog (7259130). 8.00 Stand by Ne (1989) (449)504) 9.35 Week. In Week Out 2078802, 10.00 Reining Stones (1993) (5586190), 11.35 Angels (1995) (4273284), 1.25 Ameteur (1994) 51531). 3.85 Heavenly Creatures (1994) 192211) 4.45 - 8.00 The Brain from Planet Arous (1958) (5796395).

DISCOSYSTOR CHANNEL.

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PICK OF THE DAY

AFTER A COUPLE of years in the doldrums, Julia Roberts (right) stormed back with My Best Friend's Wedding. This just reminded us of her star quality, which is also evident in Sleeping with the Enemy (11.50pm Sky Premier), a tense thriller from Joseph Ruben. She plays the battered wife of Patrick Bergin. To escape him, she fakes her own death and relocates to a small town, but he discovers she is alive and tracks hers down.

neering Disasters (8175468). 11.00 Forensic Detectives (3471420). 12.00 Super

Structures (6410666). 1.00 Searching for

7.00 Count Duckula (51536), 7.30 Grimmy

63371) 8.00 Earthworm Jim (25062).

(48913). 9.30 The Simpsons (59517).

10.00 Shedow Raiders (13888), 10.30

Xena (11623). 11.30 Legend of the Hidden

City (69420). 12.00 Tarzan (72468). 1.00

(\$2604), **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (14517). **3.00** Jenny Jones (70536), **4.00** Pokemon (9739), **4.30** Shadow Raiders (8623).

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(9623). 7.30 The Simpsons (9352). 8.00

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(88555), 9,30 E R (49254), 10,30 Veronicals Closet (45826), 11,00 Dream Team (50772), 11,30 Star Trek: Voyager (39197),

7.00 Sports Centre (4873771). 735 Wester-

(7234333), 9.00 Racing (17642), 9.30 Aer-

obics (28246). 10.00 Pingside (33449). 11.30 Unbelievable Sports (18710). 12.00

Aerobics (44438). 12.30 Football: Scot-

land vs Czech Republic (52772). 2.00

sports (265807), 8.45 You're on Sky

12.30 Law and Order (16314). 1.30 -

7.00 Long Play (4998005).

Mad about You (50807). 1.30 Jeopardy

5.00 Star Trek: Voyager (8994). 6.00

8.30 Godzilla (24333). 9.00 Pokemon

Lost Worlds (5222918), 2.00 Close.

SKY ONE

James Cameron did not endear himself to many people at last year's Oscars, yet for all that, there is no denying he is a formidable director. What he does best is marshal seemingly unwieldy, big-budget, special effects-laden projects into coherent films. That has been apparent in all his best work from The Terminator to Titanic. He is profiled in The Directors (1.50am Sky Cinema).

JAMES RAMPTON

Rugby League World (60081). 3.30 Water-

6.30 Football League Review (2420) 7.00 Futbol Mundial (1623), 7.30 Super League:

Bradford vs Leeds (23:97). 9.30 What a

Weekend (12926), 10.00 Sky Sports Cen-tre (221401), 10.15 You're on Sky Sports

12.00 Sky Sports Centre (4599005).

12.15 You're on Sky Sports (7439907).

1.00 Super League: Bradford vs Leeds

(36802). **2.30** The Rugby Club (48869).

3.30 Football League Review (86260). 4.00 Futbol Mundial (58)63). 4.30 Sky

Sports Centre (45840314), 4.45 Close

Centre (4041081). 7.45 Racing News (3745623). 8.45 Unbelievable Sports

9.00 Fish TV (8765492) 9.30 Fish TV

7.00 Aerobics (8028771), 7.30 Sky Sports

9892604). 8.45 Sports Centra (9443739).

9536). 10.00 Pool (3173820). 11.00

Golf Extra (4258178). 2.00 Sports Unimit

3.30 International Football: Scotland vs.

Czech Republic (1213536). 5.00 Football

Leacue Review (5245826), 5.30 Futbol

9995975). **7.30** Motor Sport (3574246).

(5228395). 1.00 Motor Sport (7231258).

Sports Centre (66041208), 4.15 Close.

3.00 Trans World Sport (4284840), 4.00

8.00 Motor Sport (9665333), 10.00 Galf USA (4525062). 12.00 European Tour Golf

(3587710). 6.30 The Rugby Club

ed (3528062), 3.00 Motor Sport (5233091).

Mundal (3597197). 6.00 What a Weekend

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(67284). 6.00 Sky Sports Centre (8488



SKY SPORTS 3 12.00 Viztersports (76567517). 1.00 Fish

TV (46483623) 1.30 Fish TV (76570081). 2.00 FA Cup Classics: West Ham United vs Fuham (9065)536). 3.30 Motor Racing (29053333), 5.30 Formula Three Racing 24264913). **6.00** Survival of the Fittest (24261826), 6.30 Inside PGA (24252178) 7.00 Euro Tour Golf (93604284). 8.00 What a Weekend (67607555), 8-30 Futbol Mundial (67696062), 9.00 Trans World Sport (93600468), 10.00 Football Scrapbool. (484)7710). 11.30 Close. **EUROSPORT**

7.30 Roller Skating (16468), 9.30 Football (15178). **11.30** Swimming (651913). **2.00** Football (56468). **4.00** Tennis (51623). 5.30 Racing Line (98401) 6.30 Mad Masters Winter Games (4888) 7.00 Swimming (51913): 8.00 Tennis (57807) 9.30 Footb (36555) 11.00 Racing Line (26082), 12.00 Mad Masters Winter Games (35753) 12.30 Close

UK GOLD 7.00 Crossroads (3464130). 7.30 Neighbours (7814130), 7.55 EastEnders (8820642). 8.30 The Bit (7494975). 9.00 The Bill (7418555). 9.30 The House of Eliott (1100062), 10.30 Finoda (744739), 11.00 Dallas (9546994) 11.55 Neighbours (48120826), 12.25 EastEnders (9695081) 1.00 Bugs (5352401), 2.00 Dallas (1987062), 2.55 The Bill (3961082), 3.25 The Bill (2636468). 3.55 EastEnders (9157064), 4.30 Rhoda (1156333), 5.00 All

Creatures Great and Small (6230420). 6.00 Dynasty (5372265). 7.00 Only Fools and Horses (6442246) 12.00 The Bill (7867531), 12.30 The Bill (6584208) 1.00 Mothers Do Ave 'Em (8631753), 2.45 -7.00 Shopping (79001735).

Tmy Tales (91004234), 6.45 Babaloos

(91003555) 6.50 Polka Dot Shorts

6.00 Tiny and Crew (76325807), 6.25 Johnson and Friends (59022178), 6.40

(91084420) 7 00 Practical Parenting (1102062). 7.05 Professor Bubble (6358130) 7.30 Callou (ft24352) 7.35 Bug Alert (8608246) 7.55 Practical Parent mg (4433604), 8.00 Barney and Friends 4443081) **8.25** My Zoo (8537130), **8.30** Trny and Crew (8553623) 8.50 Practical Parenting (9880420), 9.00 Special Babies (3657371) 9.30 The Roseanne Show -Highlights (2235555). 10.00 The Jerry Springer Show (2735555), 10.50 Maury Povich (7578246), 11.40 Brookside (71872352) 12.10 Through the Keyhole (35099710) 12.40 Rescue 9tt (10089888) 1.10 Beyond Belief Fact or Fiction (867(1449), 1.40 Maury Povich (6936265), 2.30 Special Fabres (142807) 3.00 The Jerry Springer Show (4291739), 3.50 Michael Cole (6018081) 4,40 Through the keyhola (56483784) 5:10 The Heat Is On. (51629468) 5.40 Ready Steady Cook 19877246) 6.15 The Jerry Springer Show (9576866), 7.05 Rescue 911 (3046569). 7.35 Animai Rescue (4279284), 8.00 LA Law (9053307), 9.00 Film: Shame (1992) (6803884) 11.00 The Sex Files (3195130).

9.00 The Sunshine Boys (1975) (78752361: 11.15 Wise Guys (1986) (35276130) 1.00 A Day at the Races (1937) (90629937) 3.00 The Best House in London (1968) (84924869) 5.00 Close.

PARAMOUNT COMEDY CHANNEL 7.00 Clueless (9265). 7.30 Grace under Fire (6246) 8.00 Mad about You (8913). 8.30 Spin City (7420) 9.00 Drop the Dead Donkey (25389) 9.30 Whose Line is It Anyway" (4)1468), 10.00 Frasier (94979) 10.30 Cheers (12197). 11.00 Semfeld (75884), 11.30 Larry Sanders (59604). 12.00 David Letterman (60424) 100 lt's Garry Shandlings Show (81666). **1.30** Nurses (28685) **2.00** Almost Perfect (14043). 2.30 Tips and Fibs (93550). 3.00 Mork and Mindy (61802) 3.30 Abbott & Costello (84802), 4.00 Close

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

SEC4 N INELAND As BBC1 LONDON except; 8,30 Newsire 6,30 (88) 10,35 Sunstine in a Room (819468), 11,35 Mrs Merton and Malcolm (354371), 12,00 The Word on the Street (4092395), 12,35 Firm Pight

of the Intruder (909937), 2.05 Joins BBC News 24 (65948840) BEC1 SCOTLAND

As 19C1 LONDON except: 12.30

Dolaman (A/15/72) 12.48 Freen Seuria (Enchanded Lands) (78226/78):
6.00 News (36), 6.30 Reporting Scotland Weather (88): 10.53 Jasper Carrott - Back to the Front (722333).

BBC1 LONDON except: 6.30 Sales Today (88), 9.30 Playing the Held (\$1167), 16.00 Figh Hopes (399994).

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11.45 The Ticket (968623). 12.00 Pubic Morals (88043). 12.30 The Jerry Springer Show (9606444). 1.15 Trainspotters (368024). 2.15 Pop down the Pub (8195314). 2.40 Box Office America (4475227), 3.05 Cybernet (84830227), 3.35 Murder, She Wrote 2235734), 4.25 Coach (82191109), 4.50 TV Nightscreen (3741956).

CENTRAL As Cariton except: 12.20 Central
Nove and Weather (9678388), 12.55
Home and Away (2059604), 2.10 Echo
Point (89296791), 5.30 Shortland Street
(91), 6.00 Central News at Six (84).
11.20 Central News and Weather (468555). 11.30 Wonderful You (230807). 4.00 Jobsnder (7485444). 8.30 Asian Eye (9998802).

HTY WALES As Carlton except: 10.30 This Morning (49597975). 12.15 HTV News and Weather (7450159), 12.55 Shortland Street (1133791), 1.30 Home and Away Street (183791), 1.36 Home and Away (16540817), 1.55 The Jerry Springer Show (5468975), 3.10 ITV News Head-lines (5108825), 3.45 HTV News (510487), 5.30 Crazy Creatures (91) 6.06 HTV News (84), 7.30 Wales This Week (8), 10.00 In the Company of

Strangers (7333). **11.20** HTV News and Weather (466555). **11.30** We Can Work It Out (88178). **12.00** Tales from the Darkside (68043). 12.30 The Jerry Springer Show (9606444). 115 Trainspotters (368024). 2.15 Pop down the Pub (8195314). 2.40 Box Office America (4475227). 3.05 Cybernet (84830227). 3.35 Murder, She Wrote (2235734). 4.25 Coach (82191109). 4.50 iTV Nightscreen (3741956).

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12.30 The Jerry Springer Show (9606444), 135 Trainspotters (368024). 2.15 Pop down the Pub (8195314), 2.40 Box Office America (4475227) 3.05 Cy-bernet (84830227) 3.35 Murder, She Wrote (2236734), 4.25 Coach (8219109) 4.50 ITV Nightscreen (7470-1250). 5.00 Freescreen (33913). WESTCOUNTRY As Carlton except: 10.30 This Morn-

ing (49597975). 12.15 Westcountry News (7450159). 12.27 Illuminations (9686807) 12.55 Westcountry Lunchtime Live (2059604), 3.10 ITV News Headines (205904) 3.15 Westcountry News (5105825) 3.15 Westcountry News (5704197) 5.30 Dig it with Den (91) 6.00 Westcountry Live (84) 11.20 Westcountry News (456565) 11.30 Wonderful You (37710). 12.30 The Jerry Springer Show (9606444). 1.15 Transporters (368024). 245 Pop down the Pub (8195314) 2.40 Box Office America (4475227) 3.05 Cv bernet (84830227) 3.35 Murder, She Wrote (2236734) 4.25 Coach (82791109). 4.50 ITV Nightscreen (3741956) YORKSHIRE

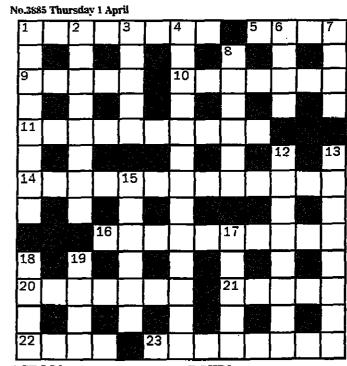
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As Yorkshire except: 12.15 North East News and Weather (7450159) 5,30 North East Tonight (21791). **11.20** North East News and Weather (466555), 11.30 Around the House (88178) 12.00 Tales from the Darkside (7700482). As Channel 4 except: 12.00 Be-

witched (63764333) 12.30 Sesame Street (93655401) 1.00 Planed Plant (69293)30: **1.30** Film: Red Beret (21372913) **3.00** Doors to Menual (41)94371; **4.30** Ricki Lake (99691975). **5.00** Planed Plant Uned 5 (41073888) 5.30 Countdown (996)5559, 6.00 Newyddon #9149975; 6.10 Heno (39920420), 7.00 Pobrilly Cwm #1086352; 7.30 Newyddion (99692604 8.00 Slaymaker (41062772) 8.30 Pam Fi Duw (41061807) 9.00 i dot (27713975). 10.00 Father Ted (51430420) 10.35 Friends (81422623), 11.05 The 11 OClock 78-05 (6422225) 11.35 king of the Hill (67667555) 12.05 Dispatches (15679650) 12.35 Prising Damp (61902956) 1.05 Prev (63927550: 2.00 Close

CONCISE CROSSWORD



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11 Discernible (10) 14 Elderly person (6,7)

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Solution to yesterday's Concise Crossword: ACROSS: 1 Silly 4 Con (Silly of Crisis) 3 Source Co 055W0 U.

Sparse, 15 Firefighters, 19 Progress, 2 Cove, 23 Eat. 2 Order, DOWN: 1 Sonic, 2 Lee lide, 3 Yokel, 4 Caste, 5 Nonplus, 6 Crisis, 11 Enforce, 12 Toffee, 14 Antacid, 16 Right, 17 Gismo 18 River

HANKS ROBERT

TELEVISION REVIEW



seaguils gave way to the sound of A Flock of Seaguils, performing their one hit, "Wishing (If I Had a Photograph of You)", which got to number 10 in 1982. Along the way, we got one or two deft jokes about the 1980s sipping a cocktail called an Enola Gay, Clunes mused: "Essence of Margaret Thatcher and the fuel-injected Ford Capri" - plus a handful of star cameos (Sinnon Le Bon, Tony

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P S **₹**00 7.30 NICIDE EastEnders. Frank and Peggy's wedding. See Soap of the Day, below (S) (T) (636555).

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0 Business Breakfast (79081), **7.00** News (9130), **9.00** Kiiroy (S) (T) (8394826), **9.45** Style Challenge (S) (8038246); **10.10** The Vanessa Show (8843569), **10.65** News: Regional News: Weather (T) (8339623), **11.00** Change That (S) (936772), **11.25** Cart Cook, Won't Cook (S) (T) (8326159), **11.55** News: Regional News: Weather (T) (8448802), **12.00** Call My Bluff (S) (93449), **12.30** Wipeout (2056517), **12.55** The Weather Show (S) (11855284), **1.00** News: Weather (T) (12307), **1.30** Regional News and Weather (58383536), **1.40** Neighbours (S) (T) (16544333), **2.06** Ironside (R) (1432791), **2.55** Through the Keyhole (R) (2408246). eather (T) 3383536). onside (R)

3.25 Children's BBC: Pocket Dragon Adventures (S) (T) (598265). 3.35 Anthony Ant (S) (T) (5956371). 3.45 The All-New Popeye Show (R) (T) (4462994). 3.56 Rugrats (S) (T) (7369265). 4.20 Home Farm Twins (S) (T) (5132642). 4.35 Goosebumps (S) (7833975). 5.00 Newsround (S) (T) (5865772). 5.10 Grange Hill (S) (T) (2626371).

5.35 Neighbours. Joel flood alert. Sally on the rebound (S) (T) (837284).

6.00 News; Weather (T) (36).

8.10 Harbour Lights. Following on from EastEnders, of Albert Square's former inhabitants, Nick Berry.

ve; Weather (T) (4994).

9.30 Playing the Field. That Yorkshire women's toolball team again. This week, Geraldine is forced to face the truth about her father. Hits finds out whether she has a future with John. And Ryan's business plans go horribly

10.55 Mrs Rerton and Malcolm. Monday's closing episode in Caroline Aherne and Craig Cash's unusual sitcom. Steve Coogan guest-stars (R) (S) (T) (122333). 10.20 They Think it's All Over Again. Jonathan Ross, Lord Archer and Vic Henley (American comedian) are the guests in this repeat edition (R) (S) (T) (314915).

COMEDY IS PARAMOUNT

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SOAP OF THE DAY

wedding day doesn't look too promising, what with Peggy's wedding day doesn't look too promising, what with Peggy worrying about her missing breast and her missing son (Grant has been away of late, moping over Tiffany and signing deals with ITV). Meanwhile, Frank is worrying about Peggy, and best man Ricky, well, he's just worrying. Melanie agrees to accompany Ian Beale ("Why is everyone so down on Ian?" she asks, obviously not a regular EastEnders viewer), and Roy is fretting about his newly acquired stash of Viagra. Fans of Roy's wife, Big Pat, will enjoy her landing a right hook on Grant's chin—but you can see why Roy might be worrying about his virility.

11.35 **Idea** Flight of the Intruder (John Millus 1991 US). Vaguely topical – given Nato aeriel sorties in Kosovo – nonsense from John Millus. It's 1972, and navy pilots Willem Dafoe and Brad Johnson choose to ignore the Peris Peace Talks and bomb Hanoi to avenge a buddy. Danny Glover plays their commander (Then 11.20 The Word on the Street. The Bishop of Liverpool meets families caring for the long-term slok (S) (194826)

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10.30 Lilius Blackbeard's Ghost (Robert Stevenson 1968 US). Fair-to-middling Disney with a hammy Peter Ustinov as the pirate whose spirit is condemned to wander the earth until he performs a good deed (48500449).

12.45 Cartoon (7456333), 12.30 Working Lunch (19975).
1.00 Wishing (R) (38528913), 1.10 The Leisure Hour (R) (1137517), 2.10 Sporting Greats (89209265), 2.40 News; Regional News; Weather (8610517), 2.45 Match of Their Day (5466449), 3.25 News; Regional News; Weather (T) (5106555), 3.30 The Village (2835556), 3.55 Kaye (S) (2810246), 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (S) (T) (7428197), 4.55 Eather (9610807), 5.30 Whose House? (S) (65).

6.00 Electric Circus. Louise is guest presenter, as Alicie Silverstone talks about her new film (S) (T) (881371).

7.30 Making It. More promising design graduates. This week, Sophie Dickinson's progress at film poster company Empire Design, where she works on promotional material for the film A Bug's Life (T) (2).

9.30 Horizon: The Curse of Veauvius. How did the people of Pompeli-come to be caught by the lava that entombed their bodies for posterity after the eruption of Vesuvius in AD 79? This repeat film rethinks the consequences for the population of modern Naples when and if Vesuvius next blows its top (R) (S) (T) (504604).

10.20 Vintners' Tales with Jancis Robinson. Carla Carlisle's seven-acre vineyard in Suffolk (R) (S) (593739) 10.30 Newsnight. Paxman (T) (539710).

11.15 DIDICE Late Review. The 150th edition. See Arts Programme of the Day, below (S) (597468).

7.10 Children's BBC: The Silver Brumby (R) (S) (8560791).
7.30 inch-High Private Eye (8337401). 7.58 The Bots
Master (R) (8692994). 8.20 Burled Treasure (8307265).
8.40 Blue Peter (S) (T) (9574371). 9.10 Goober and the Ghost Chasers (R) (7375772). 9.35 Student Bodies (R) (S) (8030604). 10.00 Teletubbles (R) (S) (95468).

6.45 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine. Quark's attempt to deceive a newly encountered atlen race places senior officers in danger (II) (S) (T) (349772).

8.00 To DIY For. DIY with a difference. This programme dispenses with the designers and just shows viewers how to perform tasks like building a desk (5) (8975).

8.30 Top Gear. A look at Toyota's new small car, the horribly named Yaris. Plus, a docu-soap feature in which real-life car-buyers search for their perfect motor (S) (T) (2410).

Red Dwarf VIII. The comedy space-crew find themselves in a life-threatening situation when they turn Pete the Sparrow into a tyrannosaurus rex (S) (2536).

11.55 The Phil Silvers Show (543333). 12.30 BBC
Learning Zone: Open University: The Three Degrees
(10918). 1.00 Shooting Video History (T) (7540598). 1.1
Open Late – Health and Social Welfare (2570005). 2.0
Exam Revision: GCSE Bitesize Revision – Mathematic
(85579). 4.00 Teaching Film and Media: Film Educatic
An Ideal Husband – Text to Text (93276). 4.30 Film
Education: The Producer's Tate (51802). 5.00 Teacher
Training: The Bridge (3639024). To 5.45am.

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AMME OF THE DAY

6.20 The Simpsons. When gambling is isgalised in Springfield, Bart converts his tree-house into a casino (R) (S) (T) (869159).

Every Woman Knows a Secret. Concluding silce of this drama about a divorcée (Siobhan Redmond) whose life is turned upside-down after her son's death in a road accident. Jess and Rob become closer than ever in their Italian hideaway, but when a crisis in Beth's life brings them back to England, Rob is arrested at itie airport... (S) (T) (4246).

Naked Secrets. From the Channel 5 school of salacious title and subject matter coupled with a socalled investigative approach, this film tooks into a lapdancing joint in Hammersmith, wast London. The girls can apparently earn £2,000 a week. Why do they do it (see above) and why are they letting ITV and its viewers have a free show? (T) (7333).

.20 London Tonight (T) (466555). .30 The Sports Show (S) (T) (230807).

.25 Trisha (S) (T) (3980807). 10.30 This Morning (T) (27626389). 12.20 Your Shout (9678888). 12.30 ITV Lunchtime News; Weather (T) (2074913). 12.55 London Today (T) (2059604). 1.25 The Jerry Springer Show (S) (T) (4223420). 2.40 Home and Away (S) (T) (89296791). 2.40 Wheel of Fortune (S) (T) (2497130).

.30 Videotoch. Margherita Taylor with the letest charts and gossip from the music world (S) (91).

7.00 Emmerdale. The wrath of Zak, which sounds like a Slar Wars sequel but is in fact Pa Dingle taking objection to the amorous Paddy (S) (T) (9081).

7.30 We Can Work It Out. Prime-lime Judy Finnigan (S) (8).

.00 ITV Nightly News; Weather (T) (57826).

The Jerry Springer Show (S) (T) (9838043), 1.20 Jenny (1815839), 1.50 Pop Down the Pub (R) (S) (4228579), 2.15 T in the Park (7812111), 3.10 Cybernet (S) (82235173), 3.35 The Making of Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels' (R) (S) (44279598), 4.00 Soundtrax (72179227), 4.15 ITV Nightscreen (8751802), 5.30 ITV News (38444), To 6am.

00 London Tonight. Regional news update for the capital and the South-East (T) (84).

,30 ITV Evening News; Weather (T) (4).

LOO The Bill. "On the Road". Not so much (Kerouac as Lennox and Rawton being sent to Salisbury to arrest a con man in the latest hour-long plod-orama (T) (7710).

9.30 Dispatches. Reports from the avalanche hot-spots of the Alps, investigating whether skiers and the ski-holiday industry are sufficiently alert to danger (24807).

3.50 ARIODS The Entertainer (Tony Richardson 1960 UK). Tony Richardson and Laurence Olivier bring their stage hit to the screen. See Film of the Day, below (84208). To 5.35am.

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The Big Breakfast (S) (24468).

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THE THURSDAY REVIEW
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Set the video – the big-screen version of the camp, Pop set the video – the big-screen version of the camp, Pop Art-inspired TV series, with Adam West and Burt Ward as the dynamic duo. Catwomen (Lee Meriwether), Joker (Cesar Fornero), Penguin (Burgess Meredith) and Riddler (Frank Gorshin) decide to team up (1) (80913).

(S) (T) (2048913). **7.30** Milkshakel (2836371). **7.35**Dappledown Farm (R) (4267284). **8.00** Alvin and the Chipmunks (R) (S) (8047517). **8.30** Wilchworld (R) (8046888). **9.00** Holiday Park (R) (S) (1) (4901913). **9.25**Russell Grant's Postcards (3478081). **9.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show (R) (6067285). **10.20** Sunset Beach (S) (T) (4450738). **11.10** Lezza (R) (S) (315804). **12.00** 5
News at Noon (S) (T) (8040604). **12.30** Farrily Affairs (S) (T) (1639343). **1.00** The Bold end the Beautiful (S) (T) (2047284). **1.30** The Rossenne Show (R) (S) (2089884). **2.00** 100 Per Carl Gold (S) (2341401). **2.30** Good Afternoon (S) (8934371).

3.30 Collectors' Lot (62). 4.00 Fifteen to One (S) (T) (7). 4.30 Countdown (S) (T) (7850642). 4.55 Ricki Lake (S) (T) (9605975). 5.30 Pat Rescue (S) (T) (33). UK). Wholly unremarkable courtroom drama starring Richard Attenborough as a taxi-driver accused of murdering a young girl, while his lawyer, Derek Farr, at lempts to find the real suspect (21996826).

6,30 Hollyoaks. Sol is worried about Gina, but then aren't we aii? (S) (T) (6).

7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather. Including headines at 7.30pm (S) (T) (350913).

7.55 Dovetalls. The series concludes with the tale of a baby called Hope after 1988's Good Friday Agreement (952913).

8.00 Wild Tales. Wildlife documentary from celebrated filmmaker Alan Root, which examines the variety of species that hang out in the Serengeti National Park (T) (5352).

9.00 Rising Damp. Alan and Philip are puzzled when items of trendy furniture suddenly appear in Rigsby's flat. An unmissable episode for style archeologisis (1) (7604).

10.00 NYPD Bive. The detectives question a group of unsavoury suspects after a well-dressed man is found dead in a park. And the squad tries to stay optimistic as Simone is told that he will require a heart transplant (S) (T) (5975).

11.00 The 11 O'Clock Show (9449).

11.30 Ally McBeal (R) (238449). 12.35 Prey (8318482). 1.30 Vids (24804). 2.00 Late Toon (5040550). 2.05 NYPD Blue (R) (7802734). 3.05 St Elsewhere (3913647).

20 Children's ITV: Mopatop's Shop (5185062). 3.30
The Adventures of Dawdle (R) (S) (5959488). 3.40 The Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries (S) (T) (4458791). 3.50 Lavender Castle (S) (T) (5953284). 4.05 Hey Arnold! (T) (741807). 4.30 Children's Ward (S) (T) (9). 5.00 Home and Away (S) (T) (6517).

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BIRM The Command (David Butter 1954 U.S). That B-list Gary Cooper, Guy Madison, in one of the endless series of westerns he made in the 1950s. In this one, he's an army medical officer who assumes control over a cavalry troop when its major is killed in action (218159).

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Boy Meets World (7468). 11.30 Powerhouse (8197). 12.00 Sesame Street (T) (86159). 12.30 Sewitched (R) (S) (T) (37371). 1.00 Pet Rescue (S) (T) (27555). 1.30 The Ocean World of John Stoneman (16548159).

3.10 ITV News Headlines (T) (6140739).

6.00 Friends. Monica decides she wants to have a baby (R) (S) (T) (46).

6.30 Family Affairs. Clive's "outing" turns into a public affair (5) (1) (6326333).

6.00 5 News, including First on Five. Kirsty Young tours the studio (S) (T) (6335081).

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5 News Update (59468913), 5.25 Russell Grant's Postcards (59467284), 5.30 100 Per Cent (6345468)

7.00 Knight Rider. David Hasselhoff and his talking car flush out a political assessin at a Third World peace conference (S) (T) (2352517).

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Nature of Oz. Australian wildlife documentary about the dolphins that inhabit rivers and inlets close to cities (S) (T) (6322517).

The Pepsi Chart. Red perform "I've Got Something to Say" and the New Radicate sing their new single "You Get What You Give" (2361265).

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8.30 Viva España. Oh no, pass the duty-free, which features ex-pats living on the Costa Brave, the Costa del Sol and in the Canary Islands (2340772).

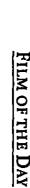
9.00 ETIMI Them (Bill N Norton 1986 US). Not a remake of the classic 1950s sol-if about an invesion of killer ants, but the no-star pilot for a proposed sol-if series. The network involved said "Thanks, but no thanks", which gives you a general idea of the success of this tale of allen visitation in the Sterra Nevada mountains. The director, Norton, is heavily involved in the Hercules TV series (T) (23744536).

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10,40 Bring Me the Head of Light Entertainment. With guesta Junior Simpson and Richard Morton (5) (4858523). 11.15 Red Shoe Diaries. Spot the boob job as Channel 5 goes porno (1476975).

11.50 Live and Dangerous (7984826), 5.30 100 Per Cent (R) (S) (6132847). To 8am.

THEIVISION GIVIDE BY GURARD GILBERT



wonderful slice of invective about the shabby stagnation of Suez-era Britain was first staged at London's Royal Court Theatre in 1957 by Tony Richardson, with Laurence Olivier in his greatest contemporary role as Archie Rice. Richardson and Olivier cumited for the 1960 screen version – a tour de force by Olivier as the egotislical, self-hating music hall comedian ("Don't clap too hard – it's a very old building," he tells the audience, who are resolutely not applauding). "I have an affinity with Archie Rice," Olivier said in an interview at the time. "It's what I really am. I'm not like Hamlet."

LATE REVIEW (115pm BBC2, right) The 150th edition – and time to review the Review. How did Allison Pearson, Tony Parsons and Tom Paulin get this one sewn up? And why does Mark Lawson always go after some non-existent critical consensus? Surely his job is to encourage divergent opinions, not to package them up into some harmonious whole? And why are the guests always journalists (with an academic trim)? Save us from more comedians, but surely novelists historians all m directors nature.







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